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## Vice chancellor retires amidst controversy

ANGI SADA  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The UNO administrator in the eye of a finance hurricane retired on Sunday.

In a statement released Monday, Aug. 14, university officials announced Jim Buck's sudden decision to retire over the weekend.

Buck had served as the vice chancellor of administration. He spent much of the summer drawing heat; not from the sun, but from athletics department boosters. After several staff cuts within the athletics department, many of Buck's budgeted perks were called into question as several of them were funded through the athletic department's budget. According to an Aug. 18 *Omaha World-Herald* report, Buck spent nearly \$100,000 in the last four years on things like university-related travel expenses for him and his wife, satellite radio and a membership to the Omaha Country Club.

Julie Totten, associate vice chancellor for finance, will serve as the interim vice chancellor of administration while the university searches for Buck's permanent replacement.

Chancellor Nancy Belck defended Buck's special allotments, including a country club membership and a stipend for a car lease, saying he had received such benefits while the two worked together at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Buck was the only administrator in the University of Nebraska system to receive these perks. Belck said several coaches within the athletics department receive

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The Sapp Fieldhouse has been busy fighting off controversy since staff cuts earlier this summer.

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## Booster weathers a summer of discontent

JASON GLENN  
SPORTS EDITOR

In college athletics, summer is normally a time for recruiting, off-season training and developing a game plan for the upcoming year. While it is certainly not time off, it does give coaches and administrators a bit of a break from the hectic schedules they

keep during the school year.

For the UNO athletic department, the summer of 2006 was far from normal.

On June 20 five athletic department employees including Associate Athletic Director Deb Denbeck, lost their jobs in what some have called "Black Tuesday." Athletic Director David Herbster cited a revenue shortfall

and the need to reduce the budget by \$440,000 as the cause for the layoffs. Just a day later, North Central Conference rival North Dakota announced their sports program would be making the jump to Division I in the fall of 2007, further weakening an already depleted NCC and raising the question of whether UNO should look into a new conference or a new classification.

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## UNO sophomore still missing; trial date set for murder suspect



photo by Michelle Bishop

Friends and family of missing sophomore Jessica O'Grady collected drive-through donations on Aug. 10 to help establish a reward fund.

TAYLOR MULLER  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

As many students return to campus with backpacks and study dates on their minds, one UNO student is still missing and her boyfriend stands accused of killing her.

Sophomore Jessica O'Grady has been missing since May. Christopher Edwards, described by the media as her boyfriend, has been charged with her murder and awaits trial.

Edwards has maintained his innocence and is currently being held without bond in the Douglas County Department of Corrections. His trial is set to begin on Dec. 4.

"We have filed motions to have his bond reset or reduced, but those were denied," said Mathew Higgins, Edwards' attorney. "He's innocent and we're going to prove it."

According to reports, O'Grady was

last heard from the night of May 10, as she was driving toward 120th and Blondo Streets. Authorities found O'Grady's gray Hyundai Accent on May 16 in a parking lot near 144th Street and West Center Road.

According to search warrants released on June 20, Edwards' residence, which he shared with his aunt, was searched twice. Blood evidence was collected during these searches, as well as the suspected murder weapons, a pair of Bangkok battle swords.

During the arraignment hearing, the prosecution presented a summary of their evidence against Edwards, stating that they had found O'Grady's DNA on one of the sword blades, as well as her blood on the ceiling and walls of his room, the mattress and in the trunk of his car.

Edwards has been formally charged with second-degree murder and use of a weapon other than a firearm to commit a felony. These charges carry a possible life

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# News

Scott Stewart | News Editor

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## News You Can Use

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STAFF WRITER

**Welcome Week held this week**  
UNO invites you to join in this year's Welcome Week activities. This year's theme is "Maverick Mojo: Welcome to it!" All activities, shows and free food are being held in the Milo Bail Student Center plaza from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., according to the following schedule:

**Tuesday, Aug. 22**

**Theme:** Promoting academic excellence

**Food:** Chicken sandwiches, chips and pop

**Music:** Anchondo, punk/rock

**Games:** Basketball, K-2 obstacle course

**Wednesday, Aug. 23**

**Theme:** Community engagement

**Food:** Hot dogs, chips and pop  
**Music:** Sarah Benck and the Robbers

**Games:** Dunk tank and other activities

**Thursday, Aug. 24**

**Theme:** Clubs and organizations fair

**Food:** Ice cream

**Music:** DJ

**Permit renewals for students, faculty, staff**

Parking permits for UNO faculty and staff were distributed via campus mail. Those who did not receive a permit or permit renewal form, visit Campus Security, 100 Eppley Administration Building or call 554-2648. Permits can be used immediately.

Parking permits for students are

also available for purchase at the Campus Security Office.

**Registration, hours change at University Library**

Many changes have taken place at the UNO library. New library hours are as follows:

**Monday through Thursday**

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**Friday**

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**Saturday**

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Sunday**

Noon to midnight

MavCards will be used to check out materials and to purchase copies from the library's photocopying and print center. The new NU ID number will be used for library services, both on campus and remotely.

However, library registration will automatically be entered into the library system each semester, so accounts will not need to be renewed each semester.

All communication from the library will be sent via the campus e-mail system.

Wireless printing is now also available throughout the library.

**Biking trip planned for Sept. 5**

The Outdoor Venture Center has planned a biking excursion at Tranquility Park on Sept. 5, 2006. This trail is located in West Omaha and provides a wide range of terrain, including tight and winding paths to open areas to swooping descents. The trailhead is located near the intersection of 120th and Fort Streets.

## Crime Log

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KEENA SPENCER-DOBSON  
STAFF WRITER

**Sunday, Aug. 13, 2006**

**6:50 p.m.** Campus Security officer witnessed two individuals in

vehicle smoking marijuana in D Lot. Omaha Police notified one of the two suspects was cited for possession of controlled substance.

**Friday, Aug. 11, 2006**

**12:30 p.m.** Staff member reported

theft of personal property from Arts and Sciences Hall. Incident occurred between 11 a.m. and 11:05 a.m.

**4:30 p.m.** Staff member reported theft of personal property from Roskens Hall. Incident occurred

between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006**

**10:56 a.m.** Staff member reported theft of personal property from Weber Fine Arts Building. Incident occurred between 9 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

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sentence in jail.

Shauna Stanzel, O'Grady's aunt, has stated O'Grady was pregnant at the time of her disappearance. Deputy County Attorney Matthew Kuhse declined to comment on the possible pregnancy and its impact on the prosecution's case, saying that investigators were unable to confirm her pregnancy.

The Sheriff Department's investigation is still ongoing because a body has not been found, said Deputy Sheriff Marty Bilek.

"We have submitted our case to the county prosecutor's office," Bilek said. "We're still looking for the body. Since there's a suspect in jail, the core of our investigation is

done."

O'Grady's family has organized multiple search efforts, many of them concentrating on dam sites and lakes in the West Omaha area.

In order to obtain information about her whereabouts, O'Grady's family has established a reward fund.

"We're naturally looking for someone to come forward," said Traci Harrison, O'Grady's aunt. "Money is a motivation."

The family raised \$3,500 at a balloon release organized in Memorial Park on Aug. 10. O'Grady's family has donated an additional \$6,500. Donations to the Jessica O'Grady Reward Fund are also being accepted

at any Wells Fargo Bank.

The Sheriff's Department will reward the entire reward sum to anyone providing information that leads to the finding of O'Grady's body.

"If nobody comes forward and we don't find her body, we're going to donate the money to the groups that have helped us search for her—the ATV Search and Rescue team, the Sheriff's Department," said Tami Hanse, organizer of the fundraiser. "We hope to help them help others."

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# Academic freedom committee to decide fate of former UNO professor

SCOTT STEWART  
NEWS EDITOR

Recommendations in the case of a former UNO assistant professor's academic freedom complaint have not yet been made public.

A report by the Academic Freedom

"No one remembers a faculty member ever being denied a seventh year at UNO, except Dr. Owens."

- Richard Ream

and Tenure Committee was due last week, according to James Carroll, the acting committee chairman. The report concerns a grievance filed by Pamela Owens, a former UNO religion, women's studies and Native American studies professor, who alleges academic freedom violations in her denial of tenure and reappointment last spring.

"The committee has drafted its findings and recommendations, but we are still discussing the phrasing of these and how much to include in the report," Carroll said last week. "It is not available at this time."

Committee procedures state publicity of the committee's actions should be withheld until "appropriate" university officials have given the complaint consideration.

According to Carroll, the committee will make its decision and provide a recommendation to the UNO administration. The Board of Regents will then consider the matter.

Possible recommendations by the committee include reappointing Owens for a seventh year, granting her tenure or denying both of those options. In her complaint, Owens sought reappointment with tenure.

"No one remembers a faculty member ever being denied a seventh year at UNO, except Dr. Owens," said Richard Ream, Owens' husband.

Owens has been at the center of a controversy on campus, which resulted in a sit-in protest in the chancellor's office on Jan. 25, a student-led letter-writing campaign and legal actions by Owens against the university.

Students also conducted a sit-in protest on March 7, 2005, in the office of John Christensen, vice chancellor of academic affairs. The protest was on behalf of Owens and Caroline Simpson, another instructor fighting for reappointment at that time. Simpson is currently an assistant professor of art and art history and will teach Native American art this fall.

The committee's decision will take into consideration testimony heard during a closed-session hearing, which was held from July 31 to Aug. 3. At the start of the hearing, the committee voted unanimously to move into executive session, citing arguments given during a June 26 jurisdictional hearing.

Those arguments centered on preventing needless injury to the reputation of the 17 named respondents in Owens' complaint, including Christensen, Chancellor Nancy Belck and College of Arts and Sciences Dean Shelton Hendricks.

Following the conclusion of testimony, the committee announced the hearing was supposed to be closed to the public during the entire proceedings. John Hewitt, attorney for the committee, cited a passage of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act that excluded some judicial proceedings from consideration as public meetings.

This decision prevented a public forum that was requested by computer science student Matt Osborn on July 31, which was planned for Aug. 3. This came as a disappointment to Owens' friends and family present.

"I think any committee or governing body that represents the public should be accessible to the public," Osborn said.

## Regent impeachment upheld by supreme court

JORDAN PLAGMAN  
STAFF WRITER

The Nebraska Supreme Court convicted an impeached NU regent on July 7 over campaign finance violations.

David Hergert was convicted of filing misleading documents about his 2004 campaign expenses, which may have impacted his victory over incumbent Don Blank in

the 2004 general election.

According to the court's deposition, Hergert violated an oath he took before being sworn into office. Evidence in the court showed that Hergert perpetrated his election campaign by filing an untimely affidavit report on his campaign expenses, which led to his impeachment by the Nebraska Legislature.

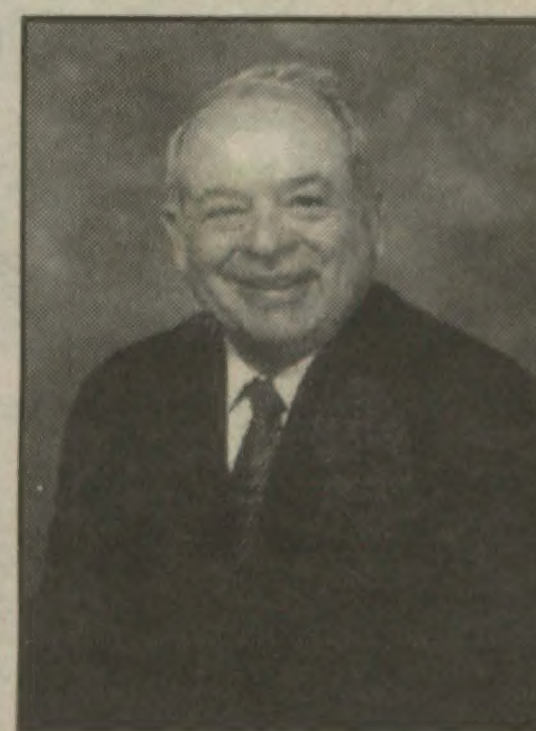
The Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission (NADC), according to the articles of impeachment, filed complaints against Hergert. The NADC enforces campaign finance laws, including reporting requirements before and after the primary and general elections.

"The legislature went into great detailed work about the case," Board of Regents Chairman Jim McClurg said. "Although he was a fine regent, the issue was inappropriate."

The deposition stated that under the law, candidates for state offices have voluntary spending caps. In the primary election, candidates can spend up to \$25,000; candidates can spend \$50,000 in the overall election. Hergert exceeded this limit and failed to notify the NADC by the deadline—denying his opponent access to state funds.

Hergert spent \$65,000 in the primary, mainly used on advertisements attacking Blank, who only spent \$40,000 on his campaign. Blank was deprived of \$15,000 in matching state funds.

The NADC said it notified Hergert by sending him letters reminding him that he needed to file his forty-percent affidavit within five days of spending \$26,000. The letter also said that failure to comply could result in a criminal offense.



David Hergert

By early October 2004, Hergert hired a representative from Jackson-Alvarez to do research on Blank's political activities while in office. He used the reports from Jackson-Alvarez to attack Blank during the campaign, without including the research expenditures in his campaign finance reports.

Hergert said he knew that Jackson-Alvarez completed its work in early October and admitted his belief that the firm's research would cost between \$7,000 and \$8,000. He said he did not report the expense because Jackson-Alvarez did not bill the committee.

Only the treasurer and those preparing his reports would know whether any of his expenditures were reported after the date they were incurred, Hergert said. He did not inform his staff when to report expenses because he never read the NADC's candidate information handbook.

When Hergert learned that the NADC never received his forty-percent affidavit, he said he looked

everywhere for the form in his office and claimed to find it a month later in a "chicory file" for one of his businesses.

According to the Nebraska constitution, NU regents must conform to election standards prescribed by the state legislature. The legislature requires regents to comply with Nebraska election and election accountability and disclosure laws.

The notice of impeachment given to Hergert stated that he may not lawfully be elected to office or serve after committing violations of Nebraska's election laws. To permit an official misdemeanor to hold office would encourage such fraudulent behavior and hinder the integrity of the

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## Dean faces undisclosed action following slapping accusation

TAYLOR MULLER  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

A prominent university dean came under fire when he was accused of slapping a student.

Vanessa Robertson said she was slapped by Thomas Gouttierre, dean of international studies and programs, at an awards luncheon on April 28 for Sigma Iota Rho, the international studies honor society. Robertson was president of the honor society at the time.

"Tom was 20 or 30 minutes late and the vice president and the upcoming vice [president], had to leave to take finals, so we handed out the certificates before Tom got there," Robertson said. "He finally arrived and I told him we had already passed out the certificates. He responded by saying, 'No, you haven't,' and I answered, 'Yes, I have.' He then slapped me; it was his left hand on my right cheek."

Robertson immediately filed a report with campus security, but their slow response was what led her to take her story to the *Omaha World-Herald*, she said.

"I went to the *Omaha World-Herald* because [the university] wasn't taking it seriously," Robertson said. "They asked me what I wanted to happen and I said I want him fired."

Gouttierre is the dean of the international studies and programs at UNO and UNMC. He has garnered international prestige for the university through his involvement as director of the UNO Center for Afghanistan Studies.

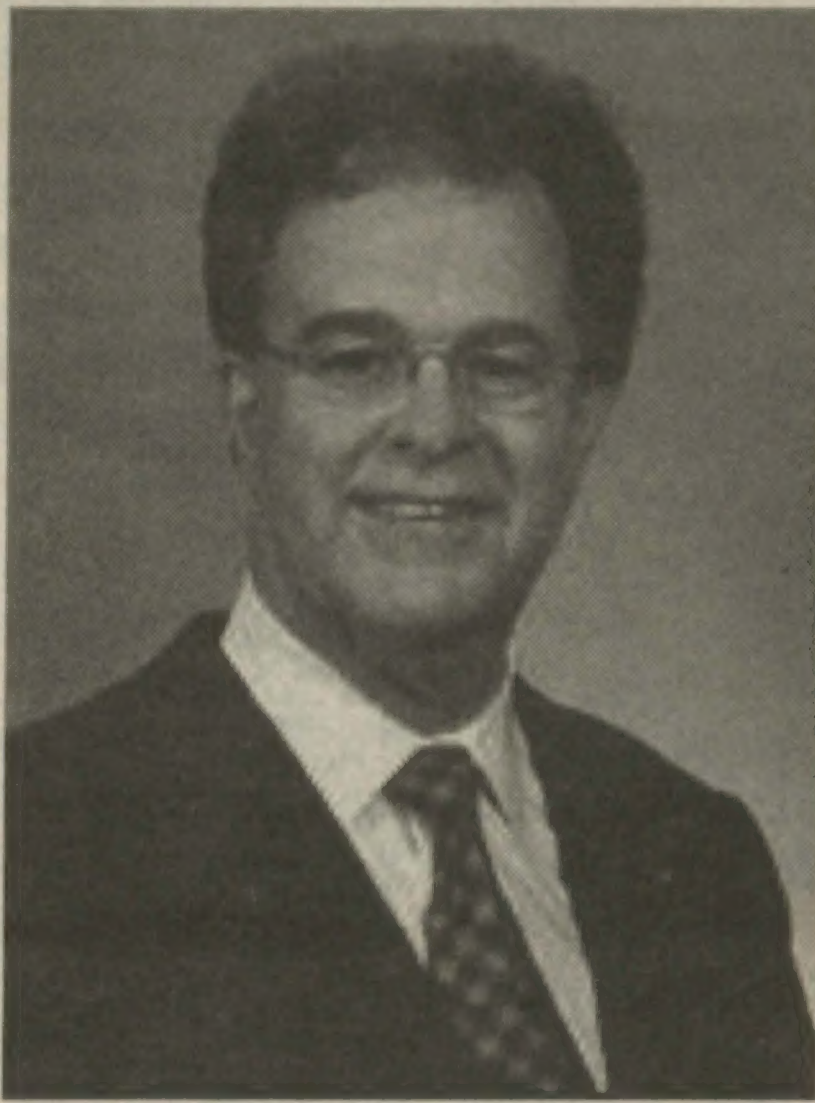
After an investigation, the university administration stated that, since there were grounds for disciplinary action, Gouttierre would face undisclosed actions. Being removed from office was not one of them.

"This personnel matter was reviewed by the Board of Regents in executive session today, and members reaffirmed their expectations for the highest standard of behavior of faculty members toward students," said NU President James B. Milliken on June 15.

Robertson was disappointed with the university's decision, saying that the combination of the university's slow response time and lack of any real consequences sets a poor precedent for the university.

"The university is not just accountable to me, but to the people of Nebraska and I urge [voters] to keep this in mind when they go to vote for Board of Regents next time."

Robertson also filed a report with the Omaha Police Department, but declined further comment on the incident or investigation when contacted last week.



Tom Gouttierre

## Critics question mercury removal

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WASHINGTON — A new recycling initiative could remove tons of potentially deadly mercury from the environment, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, but critics and state administrators of similar programs are questioning whether the program will work, calling it under-funded and unrealistic.

The program, which the EPA and leaders of the steel and auto industries announced last Friday, centers on mercury-filled switches that control automatic lights in cars. The switches are the fourth-largest source of mercury pollution in the U.S. each year, according to EPA estimates.

Mercury-filled switches haven't been used in new cars since model year 2003, but tens of millions of older cars have mercury switches that will be crushed when they're recycled. If a car's mercury switch is recycled with the rest of the car, the mercury either leaks into the ground or is vaporized in steel furnaces, falling miles away. The metal can build up in living

tissues and damage the nervous system. It's especially dangerous to pregnant women and their unborn children.

The new program, which starts next month, will work on a voluntary basis. Automakers and steel manufacturers will contribute \$4 million to a fund to educate junkyards about the benefits of removing mercury switches, which they can then dispose of properly.

The program would safely dispose of 75 tons of mercury over the next 15 years, according to the EPA. About 13.5 million cars are recycled each year.

The program "will definitely produce a reduced level of mercury," said Nancy Gravatt, spokeswoman for the American Iron and Steel Institute, a lobbying group that promoted the program. She said it's much more cost-effective "than going to the steel manufacturers and having them spend billions of dollars on some new technology" to eliminate mercury from their emissions.

Steelmakers who buy junked cars with the switches removed won't have to install air-purifying devices to remove mercury

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### For the record

In the July 18 edition of the *Gateway*, Los Angeles based cellist and keyboard player Aneila Perry's name was misspelled in the Cursive concert review. The *Gateway* apologizes for this error.

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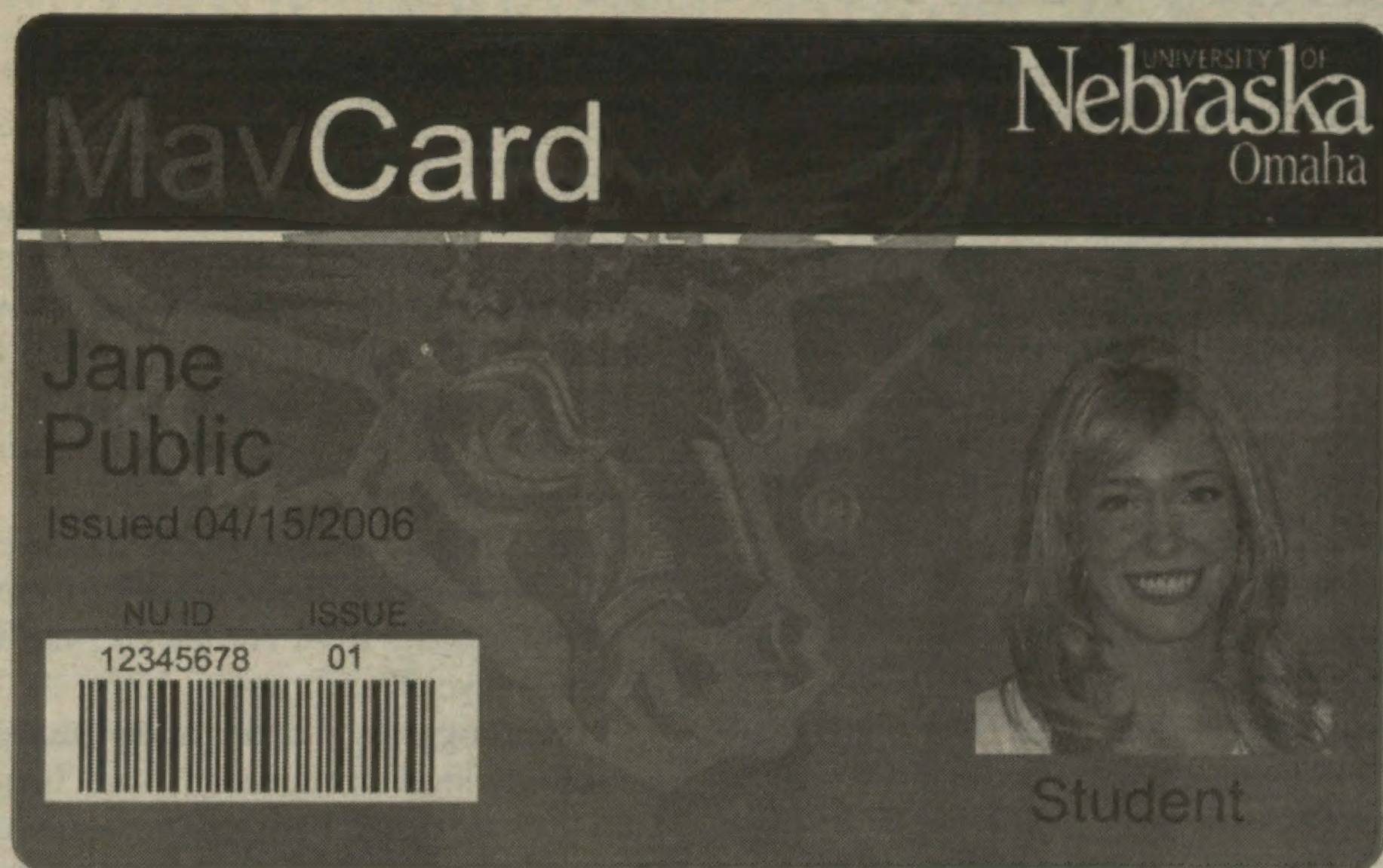
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## Students voice opinions on MavCard

BRENT CRAMPTON  
ASST. NEWS & SPORTS EDITOR

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With a new design and a few added features, we went to the halls to ask students what they thought of the new cards.

Besides the pretty red color and bull outline, students can enjoy the new student MavCards for their new identification number the NU ID which is printed on the cards. The NU ID will replace the use of Social Security numbers that were previously used, among other situations, to log in to the E-BRUNO registration system.

And while the cards do not offer any new features besides the NU ID and related barcode, the red and sleek design is a far cry from the unimaginative cards of the past.

Red, white, design, no design; either way, some students could care less.

Fred Kohler, a UNO sophomore, was unaware of the student ID change. When asked how he feels about the new cards, he responded, "New IDs? Oh, snap!"

While UNO used several information outlets to alert students of the card switch, evidently not everyone received word.

Mary Dobrauc, coordinator of MavCard Services, said they sent out a postcard mailing, two separate e-mails and put poster signs all across campus, among other avenues, to inform the students of the change.

Fortunately for those who missed these communications, MavCard Services won't deactivate the old cards until late September.

Any student who was left behind from the initial campaign can also go up to the MavCard Services office on the second floor of the Milo Bail Student Center, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In addition, the office will have extended hours the first week of the fall semester. The extended hours have yet to be determined,

Dobrauc said.

"To thrive as a student, you definitely need to be aware of the capabilities and how to use it," sophomore Kristen Legino said. "They are definitely higher tech than the old ones. There are also perks to them, and they look more professional."

Nevertheless, Legino still has some concerns. While she is thankful that the student ID number is no longer her Social Security number, Legino acknowledges that the NU ID is just one more number to memorize.

"I'm not sure if I like the idea of having a different student number than our Social Security code because of how many mix-ups may occur," she said. "What will they do when little Johnny forgets his ID for test day and can't use his driver's license because it doesn't have his student number on it?"

To Kohler, however, using his Social Security number was never a major issue.

"Invasion of privacy would be prying into personal activities, not so much keeping track of us by numbers," he said. "Social Security numbers are pretty sensitive, but if someone would want to get a hold of one to abuse—they would."

In addition to the NU ID, Legino also expressed her concern that UNO students are not fully aware of all the capabilities of the cards.

Debrauc said MavCard Services hasn't made any functional changes to the MavCard since the fall of 2005. The only difference is the new design, the barcode on the back and the new NU ID.

For students like Aaron Godbout, who graduated last spring, the MavCard still serves primarily as a discount card.

"I haven't had a student ID for ages," Godbout said. "I had [an ID] but lost it, but I have an expired Metro ID for movies."

For more information about the MavCard or the migration to the NU ID, contact MavCard Services at 554-2100 or visit mavcard.unomaha.edu.

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university, according to the notice.

Hergert was convicted on two of the 10 counts brought against him by the Nebraska Legislature. Following the conviction, Hergert will no longer be able to hold public office.

Governor Dave Heineman expressed hope to find someone to fill the seat who understands the university's missions of outreach, education, creativity and research.

"Nebraska is ready to put the last two years spend on this issue behind us, and I hope to act quickly to help the board and the university continue with

the work that lies ahead," Heineman said in a statement.

Bob Phares of North Platte was selected by Heineman to fill Hergert's vacancy on the board. Phares' appointment is effective through Jan. 9, after which the winner of the November general election will serve the remainder of Hergert's term, which lasts through 2010.

"I'm ready to move on with the important work of the university and get this behind us," McClurg said.

Hergert was unable to be reached for comment.

## Governor appoints former North Platte mayor to fill regent vacancy

SCOTT STEWART  
NEWS EDITOR

Residents of western Nebraska once again have representation on the Board of Regents.

On his 66th birthday, Aug. 4, Bob Phares was appointed to the board by Governor Dave Heineman. The appointment filled a vacancy left by David Hergert, who was found guilty of two articles of impeachment on July 7 by the Nebraska Supreme Court.

"I had hoped early on that [Hergert] would step down," Phares said. "You just have to let the system take its course."

Heineman and Board Chairman Jim McClurg have both issued statements expressing a desire to place the Hergert impeachment behind them.

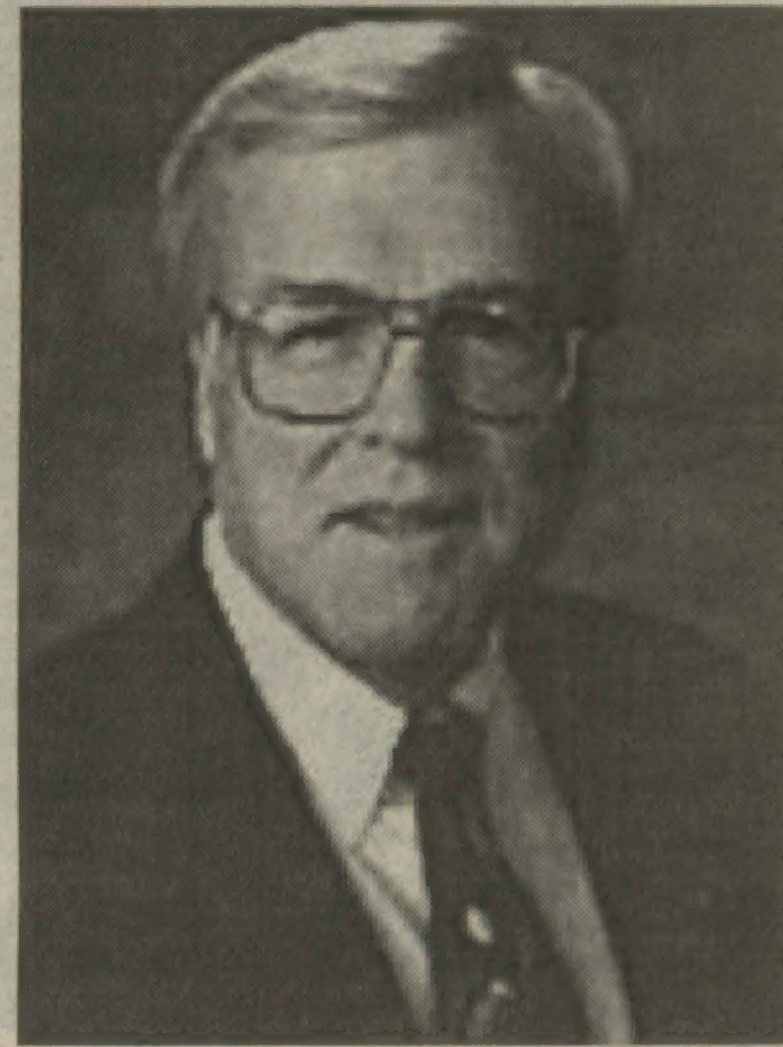
Phares said his constituents agree.

"The prevailing mood out here is let's just close that chapter and move on," he said.

The former mayor of North Platte, Phares is the president and owner of Phares Financial Services and has served with several community groups, including the North Platte Chamber of Commerce and the North Platte Development Corporation.

He said he applied for the appointment because the timing was right.

"I was encouraged by a lot of good friends whose opinions I value," he said. "I've had a long interest in the university."



Bob Phares

To better prepare himself for his duties, Phares said he plans to visit all four NU campuses. He also attended the July 28 meeting of the board in Grand Island as a member of the public.

"I just wanted to hear firsthand some of the items on the agenda," he said. "I wanted to see how the board interacted with each other."

Since, under state law, Heineman's appointment will expire on Jan. 9, Phares said he is planning to run for the District 7 seat in the November general election. To appear on the ballot, Phares must submit a petition with 1,000 signatures, including at least 25 signatures each from citizens of 14 of the district's 34 counties. The petition must be submitted by Sept. 1 to the Nebraska Election Administration.

"It's a big geographic area," Phares said. "We've got people out with petitions in 27 of those countries. We're encouraged by the number of people who have stepped up and

volunteered."

Phares will be sworn in during a ceremony at Varner Hall in Lincoln on Aug. 23. His first meeting will be at Varner Hall on Sept. 8.

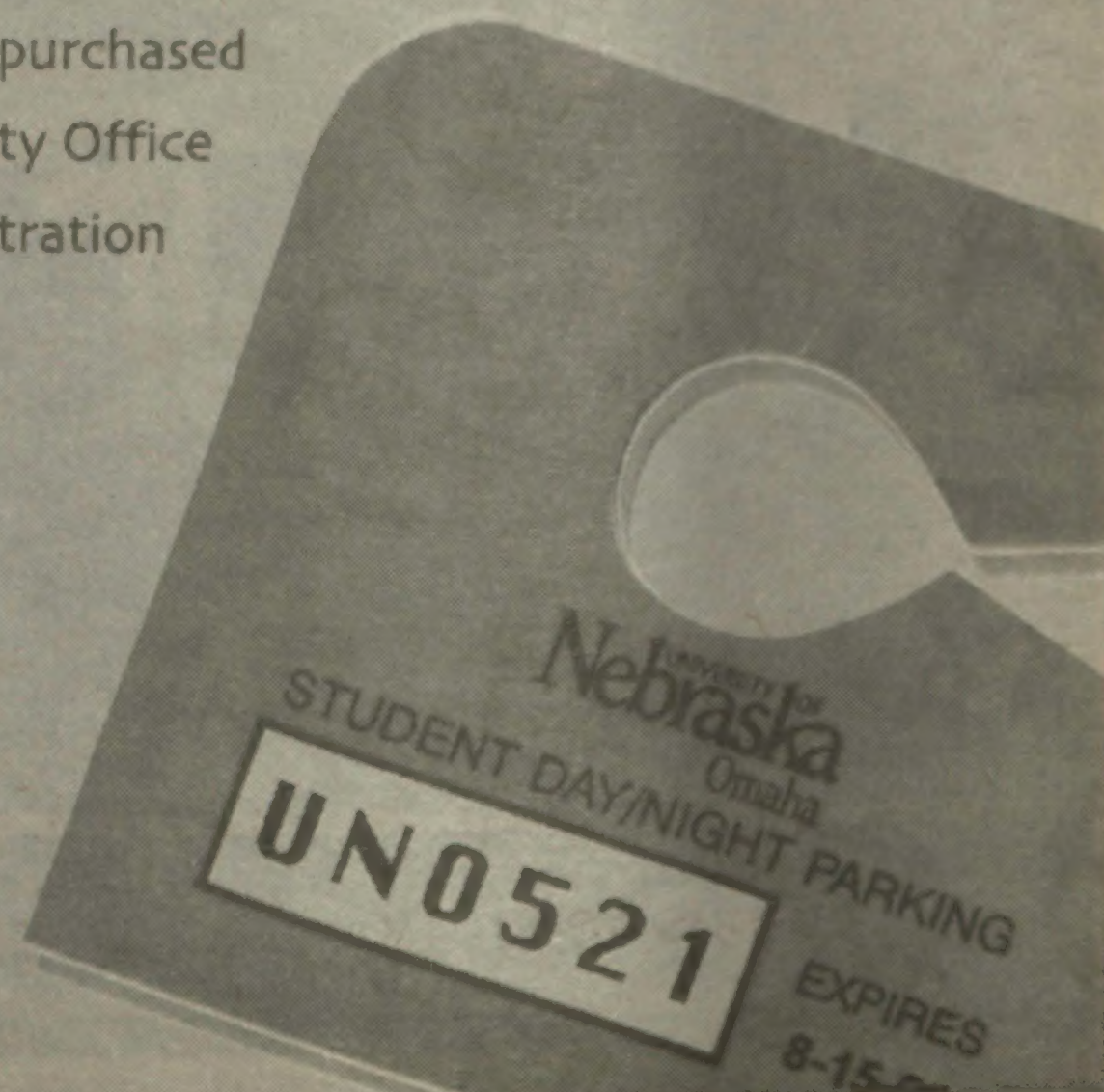
An alumnus of Kearney State College (now UNK) and a member of the President's Advisory Council, Phares believes he has a "basic knowledge" of the NU system.

Phares also said he's excited about

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## PARKING PERMITS

- August 14 thru 18 - Student and G.T.A. Parking Permits and Parking Structure Access Cards, if available, will be sold in the Eppley Auditorium from 8 am to 5 pm. After 5 pm, go to the Campus Security Service Counter, EAB 100.
- August 21 thru 25 - Student and G.T.A. Parking Permits and Parking Structure Access Cards, if available, will be sold in the Milo Bail Student Center, Dodge Room from 7 am to 6 pm. After 6 pm, go to the Campus Security Service Counter, EAB 100.
- For the remainder of the year permits may be purchased at the Campus Security Office only, Eppley Administration Building, Room 100.





# Technology upgrades bring new spam filter, 24/7 computer access

SCOTT STEWART  
NEWS EDITOR

Expect less junk e-mail, more "hi-tech" classrooms and 24-hour access to computers this fall, thanks to the technology upgrades implemented by Information Technology Services.

"We're pretty excited about the fall semester," said Steven Lendt, director of information technology infrastructure.

The most noticeable upgrade this summer is the addition of anti-spam software to all student, faculty and staff campus e-mail accounts. Spam is unsolicited e-mail, the cyber equivalent to junk mail, except that spam often contains viruses, "phishing" scams and other malicious content.

According to ITS, 87 percent of all e-mail received by UNO is spam. Lendt said their motivation with the anti-spam software was to provide a system that everyone, including students, could use to reduce this problem.

Previously, only faculty and staff members had the option of requesting a spam filter. The spam filter is enabled on all accounts by default, and users have the ability to opt-out if they desire.

To further protect campus technology users, ITS also installed a system that passively monitors network traffic and blocks common spyware and virus

transmissions.

"We implemented a spyware/virus blocking system," Lendt said. "It's a fairly benign system."

Blackboard, the campus online course management system, was also upgraded, according to Lendt.

The upgrade makes improvements in the discussion board, assessment and gradebook features of the product, such as allowing extra credit on online exams.

"We also upgraded the server

hardware for the Blackboard system," Lendt said.

Another summer change that students with classes at Peter Kiewit Institute and Durham Science Center will notice is a login screen.

Students using computers in those buildings will join users of the Milo Bail Student Center lab in providing their UNO NetID and password to access the computers. Other computer labs across campus, such as those in Arts and Sciences Hall, will remain open.

"It's to help give priority to [student] users," Lendt said.

Faculty members wishing to allow guests access to those computer labs are able to access a temporary password at [guest.unomaha.edu](http://guest.unomaha.edu). The password changes on a weekly basis.

Students with laptops can take advantage of an increased wireless coverage area on campus, including several buildings and outdoor benches with complete coverage.

"We've made significant improvements," Lendt said.

Directions, a coverage map and printer drivers are available for download at [wireless.unomaha.edu](http://wireless.unomaha.edu).

Students without a computer can now access one any time following a planned addition of computers to the 24-hour study room in the student center. Lendt said the installation will occur

during the first few weeks of classes.

ITS also has increased the number of "hi-tech" classrooms on campus to about 131 rooms, Lendt said. A "hi-tech" classroom contains a computer, a projector, DVD and VHS players as well as a digital overhead projector.

"We've done partnerships with some colleges for hi-tech rooms," Lendt said. "We've been trying to increase those."

A list of these classrooms is available at [its.unomaha.edu/hitech.php](http://its.unomaha.edu/hitech.php).



photo by Patrick Doty

Computer lab users in the Milo Bail Student Center, Durham Science Center and the Peter Kiewit Institute will have to login with their UNO NetID starting this fall.

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# New Med Center public health college to be first in Nebraska

TAYLOR MULLER  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

A public health college has been established on the University of Nebraska Medical Center campus, a first for both the university and the state.

The NU Board of Regents, in their August report, said that they understood the need for research and training in public health issues. The regents approved a plan to establish UNMC's College of Public Health at their July meeting. Jay Noren was appointed as the first dean of the new college.

The focus of the college will be environmental sciences, preventing diseases, surveillance and early warning of epidemics and toxins in the environment, Noren said. These fields of study have not been available in the NU system until now.

Previously, Noren served as the NU vice president and provost. He was also part of the team of people who drafted the proposal for the college.

"This is the first and only public health college in Nebraska," Noren said. "It's an important discipline, as important as medicine and

nursing."

As the founding dean, Noren will be responsible for creating a program that includes all the NU campuses, and recruiting professors to teach and be part of the program's research.

"We plan to recruit in the disciplines of epidemiology, biostatistics and social and behavioral health," Noren said.

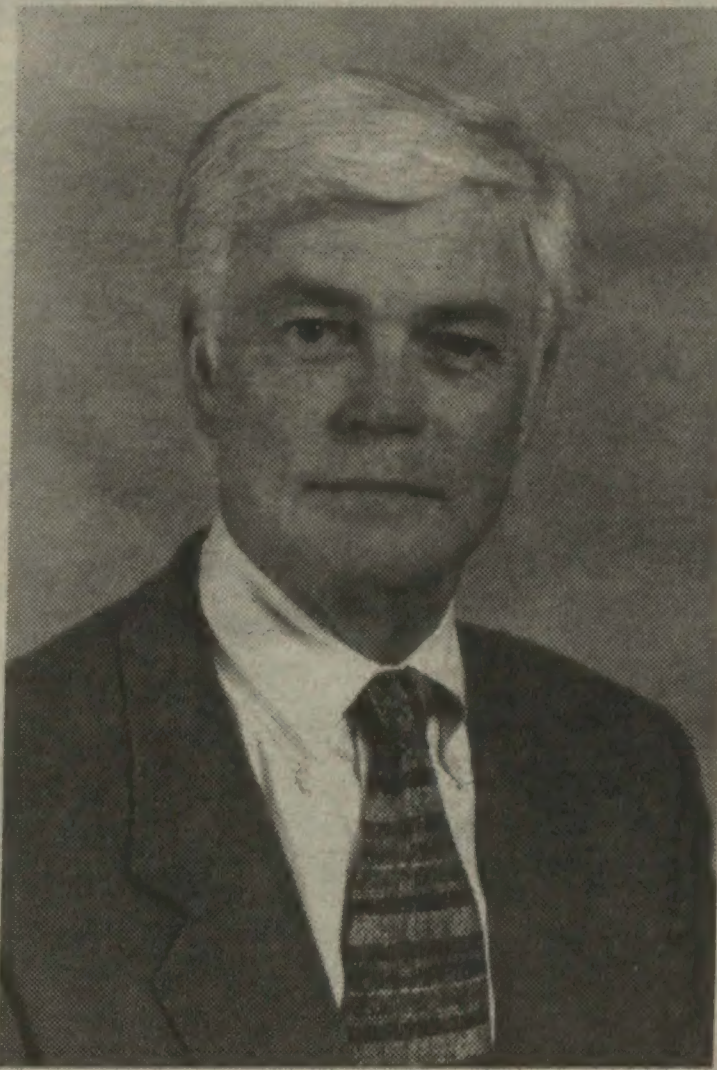
The college will recruit 20 to 25 professors over the next five years and will develop at least three doctoral programs. It will provide research opportunities for UNMC as well as serve Nebraska's general public.

According to Rubens Pamies, the vice chancellor for academic affairs, the college will produce public health professionals who will serve in the rural and

urban communities.

"The addition will complement several existing strengths at UNMC," Pamies said. "It will be a great benefit to the state."

The public health masters program at UNO will eventually be combined with the college. UNO will also provide faculty and courses in health service administration and community health education.



Jay Noren

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similar perks.

In an interview with the *Omaha World-Herald*, Belck said the media's constant coverage of Buck's spending was a major factor in his decision to step down.

However, Belck said she was not surprised by Buck's retirement.

"We obviously have had a lot of discussions during this entire athletic budget deficit. He had said to me, 'Maybe I can no longer be effective here.' I think things were just continually heating up," she said.

Many Maverick athletics boosters have questioned the use of this account to do things like reimbursing Buck for participating in an athletic department fundraising golf tournament. Ben Titus, the president of the Beef Club, a Mav football booster club, believes Buck's retirement was an indicator of what lies beneath.

"The fact that they (UNO administrators) wouldn't disclose the full expenses that they report to the *World-Herald* and they (the *Herald*) had to turn around and say they were going to sue the university and then he resigned the following business day," Titus said. "I don't know how much of a genius you have to be to read between those lines."

Belck said her frustration with the media is rooted in the coverage of the problem. She said there is ample coverage of the problem, but too little with the solutions and the university's handling of the controversy, she said.

"We clearly want to get the facts out, but I would hope that what is the story gets out. And, [when] there is coverage day after day; that's not good for the university," she said.

Belck maintained that the funds used to pay for Buck's perks were not necessarily redirected from specific programs, but said they were held for "needed" expenses.

"These are an undifferentiated account

held in alumni by athletics. It's not earmarked for specific uses," Belck said. "And the redirection of funds is not taking them for something done and changing directions. It is a fund for support activities that are determined needed for the university."

While athletics answers directly to her, Belck said Buck handled many of the department's operational issues. She acknowledged that many from within the athletics department were displeased with some of Buck's spending decisions.

"Jim handled a lot of the operations [within athletics]," she said. "But when it became difficult for him to continue to do that because of the folks in athletics not liking what he was doing, some described him as a lightning rod."

Belck said there will be continued efforts to monitor the uses of funds throughout the athletics department, particularly in their undifferentiated accounts. Belck insists the university is being proactive about repairing the situation.

"I think there is no question that we are going to look into more oversight of those funds. I have already taken any of Jim Buck's expenses out from tapping those funds."

Belck questioned her decision to have Buck helm the athletics budget.

"He perhaps was not the best person to be directing athletics," she said.

Titus is firm that Buck should not have been calling the plays in the department.

"As far as Jim Buck is concerned, he doesn't work for the athletics department," Titus said. "He doesn't raise the money and in the athletic department there's just no explanation whatsoever that can be given as to why those funds were being used for his expenses."

Calls to Buck's home were not returned and attempts to contact Athletics Director David Herbst were unsuccessful.

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## To buy or not to buy: Professors, students voice opinions on buying, and using textbooks

**CHARLEY REED**

ASST A&L AND PEOPLE EDITOR

For many college students the start of a new school year can be a time of rekindling old friendships, newfound freedom and the last major step before breaking free to become an adult.

However, the start of a new school year also is a time of harsh realities for new and old students alike when they realize how much it costs to buy books for their classes. Some classes require three, four, five or even more books that can often times lead to a bill surpassing \$400.

It's no secret that many students do everything they can to put off buying books for their classes, but is this a smart decision? And what factors do professors take into consideration when choosing books for their classes?

With regards to content, price and usefulness to the students, here is what UNO professors had to say about why and how they choose textbooks.

**Charles Gildersleeve, geography**  
[Choosing a book] depends on the course level or on the subject as some courses have no texts and readings are best. I always use a text in freshman through junior-level courses.

The cost of books and their potential resale is always a consideration, but we must balance that with the value of the learning process.

**Barbara Robins, Native American literature and Native American studies**

I still use a couple of anthologies because the literature in them is important to the class and



as a whole... if I were to drop these anthologies, I would have an extremely difficult time replacing them as there are so few anthologies of Native American works, particularly for periods before the 1980s.

No [cost is not a factor], but because of the publication realities I've been describing, not because I'm trying to nick the students.

**Dan Wilkins, astronomy**

In my astronomy course for non-majors, in addition to the content, I look for a text with these qualities: a) low-cost; b) brief, no 'Manhattan phone book,' please; c) attractive illustrations and d) a conceptual approach. In other words, I choose a text that I myself, as a college student, might enjoy buying,

carrying, reading and studying.

I select the book that covers the material I want covered and does so in the easiest manner. For upper division classes, the same applies, but covering the material is more important than ease of reading.

I know my books are not very



**William Blizek, religion and philosophy**

expensive, comparatively speaking,



To buy or not to buy textbooks? The neverending question remains unanswered. Professors say it's a must, students say it's a bust.



**Lynn Harland (marketing and management)**

I use the updated editions of textbooks that I have chosen in the past because those books cover the topics that I want, in the way that I want, and do not cover things I don't need.

Yes [cost is a factor], that's why I use 'thinner' paperback textbooks and paperback trade publications

when available.

**Amy Rodie, marketing**

I choose a textbook based on a number of factors, including: The topics covered by the book and the emphasis each is given, the overall organization of the material in the book, the readability of the textbook, the support materials offered by the publisher and degree to which the author is a recognized expert in the topic area.

**George Engelmann, geology and biology**

My principal criteria for choosing a text are: 1. Whether it presents the information I feel is necessary for the course I have designed and does so accurately, and 2. How closely its organization corresponds to the



**Latavia Adams, senior**

I buy my books on half.com if I can. I usually get good deals and most books look new.

**Lindsay Koch, senior**

Usually I go down a few weeks early and take a look at the books for my classes and price them out to see how much they will be at used and full price. If it looks like a workbook, I'll buy that right away but since I've been here for a few years I've learned to wait to buy my books after the first class or two to make sure that we have assignments in them all semester.

**Tanya Potts, junior**

I tend to buy books before class if I know I'll need it. If it is a class that I don't know if I'll need it or not, I try to wait till after the first class. I try to buy it from a used bookstore; usually the one down on 72nd and Pacific.

**Genevieve Williams, junior**

I buy my books before class begins. If they are novels, I try to get them at used bookstores around town; otherwise, I go ahead and purchase them from the UNO Bookstore. If a good friend of mine and I are in the same class, we tend to share books and study together.

photo by Patrick Doty

structure of my course.

Yes [cost is a factor]. It's not a primary consideration, because there is no point in requiring a cheap but worthless text, but when I can get the information on cost and I have a choice, I prefer to get the least expensive text I can.

**What the students have to say:**

Here are insights from students on where, when and why they buy books for their classes.

**Russ Sheibal, sophomore**

I would rather not buy books and often enough of the material covered in lectures is more pertinent to the tests than the textbook. I buy books because the class requires it. Maybe I will need them, maybe I won't. It's better to have it, not need it and sell it back then not to get it and be screwed.

**Kapree Walton, freshman**



I buy my books two weeks before class starts even though I always end up finding out I need more books for certain classes so I keep buying books into the first week of class. I buy from the UNO Bookstore and I prefer to buy my own books so I won't have to share or depend on someone else.

**Stephanie Hearn, senior**

I wait until the first week to make sure I need the book or not and I always buy from the bookstore just because it's easier than going somewhere else or waiting for the online purchases to show up. But in general I find buying them there [UNO Bookstore] a complete rip off.



# University of Nebraska students rally in support of gay marriage

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STAFF WRITER

On July 21, Nebraska citizens from the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Ally community convened at the capitol building in Lincoln to protest the upholding of the gay marriage ban.

U.S. District Judge Joseph Bataillon had ruled the ban as too broad and as depriving gays and lesbians of participation in the political process. Bataillon's decision was overturned by the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The GLBTA community in Nebraska decided to speak out with a protest.

Travis McArthur, an incoming freshman, said he was at the protest to support GLBT rights.

"I feel it's important that we speak out against what's going on," McArthur said. "If nobody speaks out, how will anything ever change?"

And people were speaking out at the capitol building. Everyone from collegestudents to professors and parents gathered with signs, gay-pride flags and other messages. There was a human chain around the capital at one point while others shouted various declarations.

UNO English professor Frank Bramlett was present at the protest and said he was there because he was being denied certain rights simply because of his sexual orientation.

"I hope that people understand that gay people are just like they are," he said. "We are brothers, sisters, children,

parents, co-workers, friends. Anything that will help non-gay people understand our situation will be helpful."

UNL law student Kyle Michaelix was at the rally to show support.

"I'm a proud ally," he said.

Michaelix said the ban was passed because people didn't really understand what they were voting to pass. He said fear was a motivation in voting for it. The ban, which was approved by 70 percent of Nebraska voters who voted, extends

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photo by Colleen O'Doherty

Protestor stands in the shadow of the Golden Sower on July 21. He and many others stood outside the NE state capital to rally support for same-sex marriage.

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- Aug. 17: Drive In movie, Benchwarmers
- Aug. 23: Sarah Benck & the Robbers
- Aug. 24: Clubs & Orgs Fair
- Sept. 7: MBSC Open House
- Sept. 12: NASCAR Simulator
- Sept. 14: Azeem, truth comedy with a twist
- Sept. 18: Daniel Kinno, comedian
- Sept. 25: Tom Cottér, comedian
- Oct. 2: Limbeck, alt-country band
- Oct. 4: I Love America

### HOMECOMING Oct. 9-14:

- Oct. 9: Jim Wand, Hypnotist
- Oct. 10: Grant Edmonds, gameshow
- Oct. 11: Spirit Cup Night, Philanthropy collection
- Oct. 12: Movie Makeup workshop
- Oct. 13: Fright Night, scary movie
- Oct. 14: Homecoming game, crowning
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## Small town shy guy moves to big city, takes university, campus by storm

JAMEE CLASEN  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

You may occasionally hear "Fuchtman" being whispered around campus. If you haven't, you will, and one thing is for sure: you will never forget this last name.

In his past four years at UNO, Nathan Fuchtman (pronounced fook-man) has gone from a shy, small-town guy who didn't know a single person in Omaha to "Mr. Everything." Somehow, between the nine organizations he participates in, the intramural sports he plays, two jobs and his quadruple majors, Fuchtman manages to be one of the most likeable and organized guys on campus.

Fuchtman's high school was typical for a town of 1,200 people. His hometown, Creighton, Neb., offered few opportunities to get involved and he knew most of

his 39 classmates his entire life.

"I didn't really do a whole lot during high school," Fuchtman said. "I worked for my mom during the summers and was involved in speech."



Nathan Fuchtman

Former high school classmate and UNO alumna, Bridget Geiger, recalled that Fuchtman was quiet in high school, but was still friends with just about everyone.

"I've always been shy," Fuchtman said, "even when I was a little kid. I'm still shy now."

Partially due to his shy tendencies, Nathan hated his first semester away from home. He moved into a house with Geiger and found making friends more difficult than expected.

"I didn't know anyone," he said. "In Creighton, everybody knows everybody... Omaha felt so big to me. I think I went to one party my entire first semester."

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photo by Michelle Bishop

Potential employers may be looking over job seekers' shoulders by scanning their social networking accounts.

## Professionalism takes its toll on social networking sites

ALLISON MEIER  
STAFF WRITER

College students are often warned of the dangers of Facebook.com and MySpace.com, but it is becoming an even bigger risk for job seekers.

"MySpace has become the most popular social networking site in the world, with more than 95 million members," according to CollegeGrad.com.

However, these sites are attracting more than teens and twenty-something's. Employers are now utilizing these networks to separate worthy applicants from those less professional, and are becoming more aware of the information available.

A local businessperson who works in human resources and wishes to remain nameless, is very satisfied with the amount of information he can get about applicants.

"I have simply created an account and browse MySpace daily. It is a networking tool as well as a way to see how people really act. If you want a good job, be professional, and don't hurt your chances by sharing private aspects on the World Wide Web... everyone can see it."

Although privatizing accounts has helped filter personal information out of the public view, it isn't that simple. People are becoming Internet savvy and have found ways to access information that some may believe is private.

"There is a growing trend in the number of employers who are Googling candidates to research for additional information," said Brian Krueger, president of CollegeGrad.com.

He advises college grad job seekers to beware of the image they project.

"College grad job seekers should avoid anything that might cause a recruiter to say 'Yikes!' when they found you on the Web."

Teacher candidates are warned from the beginning of their education to close their accounts. "Don't even risk it," said Dan Whipkey, UNO professor and education supervisor. "If you have an account, your students will find it. There is a line that should never be crossed, so don't allow it to be."

A recent UNO grad, who requested the Gateway keep his anonymity, experienced firsthand dilemmas with a Facebook account.

"I didn't think twice about having information on my account when I was a fresh alum; it was completely private" he said.

Unfortunately, his interviewer at a job he was well trained for was far ahead of the Google trend. "They found an in and used it. My account wasn't as private as I'd thought," he said.

He explained that the local company had many employees who had accounts. This UNO graduate had a lot of acquaintances on the site and one shared his page with the company. "I learned my lesson," he said.

Professionals say the answer is simple; keep your private life confidential. If job seekers can Google names for background checks in an instant for filtering, think about what people who want to see personal photos, information and contact guides are capable of.

"Like it or not, MySpace and Facebook are public sites," Krueger said. "Instead of posting information and photos from that all-night party, job seekers can stand out from the crowd by using these sites as an opportunity to generate a positive first impression. If you wouldn't put it in your resume, don't put it on the Web."

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During his second semester, however, things started to look up.

"A new roommate moved in with us whose boyfriend was in a fraternity," Fuchtmann said. "He and his friends introduced me to everyone and I decided to join."

Suddenly, he was meeting many new people and making friends left and right.

"That helped me become a little more outgoing and to be able to talk to people in my classes," he said. "Things just snowballed after that. I started joining everything."

"Everything" is an understatement. In the past three years, Fuchtmann has held three prominent positions in his fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and is currently the vice president of finance. He has been on the Greek Judicial Board for four years and is the current social chair of Rho Epsilon, a real estate fraternity. He is the vice president of the Financial Management Association, as well as the vice president of programming for Order of Omega, a Greek honor society. He is also the vice president of selections for Omicron Delta Kappa, a campus-wide leadership honor society. Last spring, he was the co-director for Greek Week, a week-long celebration and competition for all Greek organizations on campus. He is also a member of Greek Endeavor and the Maverick Investment Club.

"Nathan is just an unbelievable person," said former Sigma Phi Epsilon President Matt Burke. "He's the epitome of a role model for time management and having your priorities straight."

Besides being involved on campus, Fuchtmann currently has four majors: finance, banking, investments and real estate. He also works in sales at Scheels All Sports, has an internship for a real estate company, participates in intramural sports, volunteers for community service and has been on the Dean's List almost every semester since he came to UNO.

Fuchtmann says he spends many nights during

school studying in the library.

"Usually during the school year I leave my apartment at around 7 a.m. and don't get back until around 10 or 11 at night."

"I have to stay very organized," he admitted. "I keep a planner and put everything I do in it. And I don't procrastinate - I've always been that way. I don't like to wait until the last minute."

"I've got to say that I completely admire him," Geiger said. "With everything that he has taken on, he still finishes everything he says he's going to do, earns awesome grades, works a lot and manages to have time for all of his high school and college friends."

The thing that makes Fuchtmann most proud, however, is that he is genuinely happy.

"I've maintained being pretty level-headed most of my college career, and don't have many regrets," he said.

After he graduates in 2007, his personal goals include attending law school, getting his real estate license and making a difference in people's lives.

"The possibility of finding someone their first home or building their dream home is what interests me in real estate," he said.

For incoming college freshmen, Fuchtmann offers one piece of advice:

"Get involved. There is no reason not to," he said. "It enhances the college experience by so much that it's almost unexplainable. You make friends and connections, and learn leadership and responsibility. I would say it's the best decision you can make while you're in school."

It is this positive attitude that makes Fuchtmann a great role model to UNO students and to those who have known him for years.

"He's definitely an inspiration," Geiger said. "To me, it doesn't really seem like he has changed in the past four years. He's still the same, great Nathan."

## Get to know UNO



Student Body President/Regent  
Steve Massara

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STAFF WRITER

**What do you do as Student Body President/Regent?**

"I have two major duties: One is to serve as the voice of the 15,000 students here at the university to the university administration. I also attend senate

meetings. I also act as UNO's representation at the Board of Regents in Lincoln."

**What's your favorite part about being Student Body President?**

"I think acting as the voice of students, attempting to be articulate, and finding new ways to communicate with the student body and communicate with the administration. [And] I enjoyed hearing feedback from students [after the first mass e-mail communication]. For my first mass e-mail, I received 200 responses, mostly negative. I learned from it."

**Feel like elaborating on the negative feedback piece?**

"Regarding my proposed smoking limitation. I think a lot of people were confused that I wanted to ban smoking entirely, which is not the case. I realize it's an addiction and you need to provide avenues for people to smoke. But, I'm also asking for a compromise on the main walkway of campus, not to have smoking occur there. And people are concerned about that."

**What do you think of the new library renovations?**

"It's incredible. It will be the most popular place on campus. I have no doubt."

**How's your summer been?**

"I was able to fulfill one of my goals for the last 7 years of my life and go see Mount Everest. I hiked up to the base camp."

**What do you hope to do once you graduate in December?**

"The plan is to enter the Air Force Officer Training School. I'd like to get into the air. My vision's terrible, so we'll see what happens. I just don't want to be in a cubicle."

**What do you think about what's going on between Israel and Lebanon?**

"I think it's a scary situation. I think there's been a little bit of overreaction on both parts. I fully recognize Israel's right to exist, but their leader should realize it's important to compromise, at least with the Lebanese government, not necessarily with Hezbollah. I agree that negotiating with terrorists is never the way to go."

**What are your views on gay marriage?**

"Marriage, in my opinion, is between a man and a woman. With civil union, they [homosexual couples] can be entitled to the same rights and responsibilities as a married couple, but I ask that it be called civil union. It seems like a compromise in my mind."

My position has been significantly changed since I came to college. I've interacted with so many wonderful people from all walks of life and all sexual orientations."

**How would you describe your experience at UNO the last few years?**

"It's been nothing but good. It's been the best choice I could have made as far as collegiate experience. One of the great things about UNO, I always tell people, is the incredible diversity. We are the most diverse campus in the University of Nebraska system. You have 93 countries represented, people from all over the world. You learn to work with other people way different from you. It's great."

**Do you have any advice for incoming freshmen?**

"You can't emphasize enough getting involved. Find something you're passionate about and pursue it. Find something outside of your academic domain that keeps you on this campus. And go to class -- you pay for it. Or somebody pays for it."

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## International Students build homes, dreams



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International student Faizan Syed hammers the roof to a shed being built at a Habitat for Humanity house.

PATRICK DOTY  
ASST. PHOTO EDITOR

With hammers in hand, a group of 20 international students gained one last experience in American diversity and teamwork by volunteering. The students spent a day in the sun building homes for Habitat for Humanity before returning to their home countries a week later.

The teams of students, who are from various European countries, volunteered at two different worksites in North Omaha on August 9.

"It was a great experience for them to discover diversity issues and teamwork," said Steve Hoiberg, an advisor for UNO international studies. "That was the focus of the whole program, leadership and diversity training."

During their six-week stay in Omaha, the students were given many opportunities to learn about diversity and American culture. Not only did they attend classes that included topics such as English and business applications, they also met with various community leaders, including Mayor Mike Fahey and congressman Lee Terry. Visits to various places, including Offutt Air Force Base and a city council meeting, gave them a different perspective on American culture.

The organization that coordinated the international students' visit is the Summer Institute of Business, English and Culture (SIBEC). It was made possible by a grant awarded by the US State Department Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs.

The Bureau established an open competition for organizations that were interested in the grant. Only two grants were awarded, the other going to an organization similar to SIBEC from Drexel University in Philadelphia.

The Fulbright Commission in each country selected the 20 students. The Fulbright Commission is the preeminent cultural exchange program of the United States, Hoiberg said. The students were selected from five different countries, including Spain, France, Holland, Denmark and Germany.

"[The Commission] provides unique opportunities for people in the U.S. and other countries," Hoiberg said.

## Fashion Forecast: What to expect for fall 2006

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As summer quickly comes to an end, the shorts, tank tops, capris and flip flops that we flaunted in the heat are gently packed away and replaced with ... hmmm. Replaced with what? Good question. As fall creeps upon us, I think it's obvious that the question plaguing everyone's mind is "what do I wear?" Don't deny it. I know the guys are afraid of getting a frown if they wear brown. And heaven knows the girls are losing sleep over which sweater will make their appearance look better. The following is our



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forecast for fashion trends and fads for the fall of 2006.

The men:  
Mike says ...

Men of UNO, take note. Purple is in. Skating is out. Footwear is simple and t-shirts are tight. With that said, read carefully.

### Purple say what?

Menswear retailers around the globe are preparing to put out their fall selections of clothing, and as surprising as it may seem, purple is leading the race in color trends. High intensity shades of regal purple will be found in sweaters, polos, ties, t-shirts and button downs. Other shades like lilac, plum and violet will also be present, making this year's line of clothing an ode to the color purple.

### He was a skater boy

I, like many young men out there, experimented with the skater boy look. However, it came and went faster and more gracefully than I ever did on my "board." Surprisingly, it's back. Not the skateboards, but the overall look. From the tip of your toes to the hair on your head, the skater look is here to stay. We're talking sweatbands, cargo pants, beanies, Quicksilver t-shirts and, of course, the ever-popular slip-on skate shoe.



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Pairing straight-legged jeans with old-school slip-on skate shoes is a popular trend for fall.

### Put your foot down!

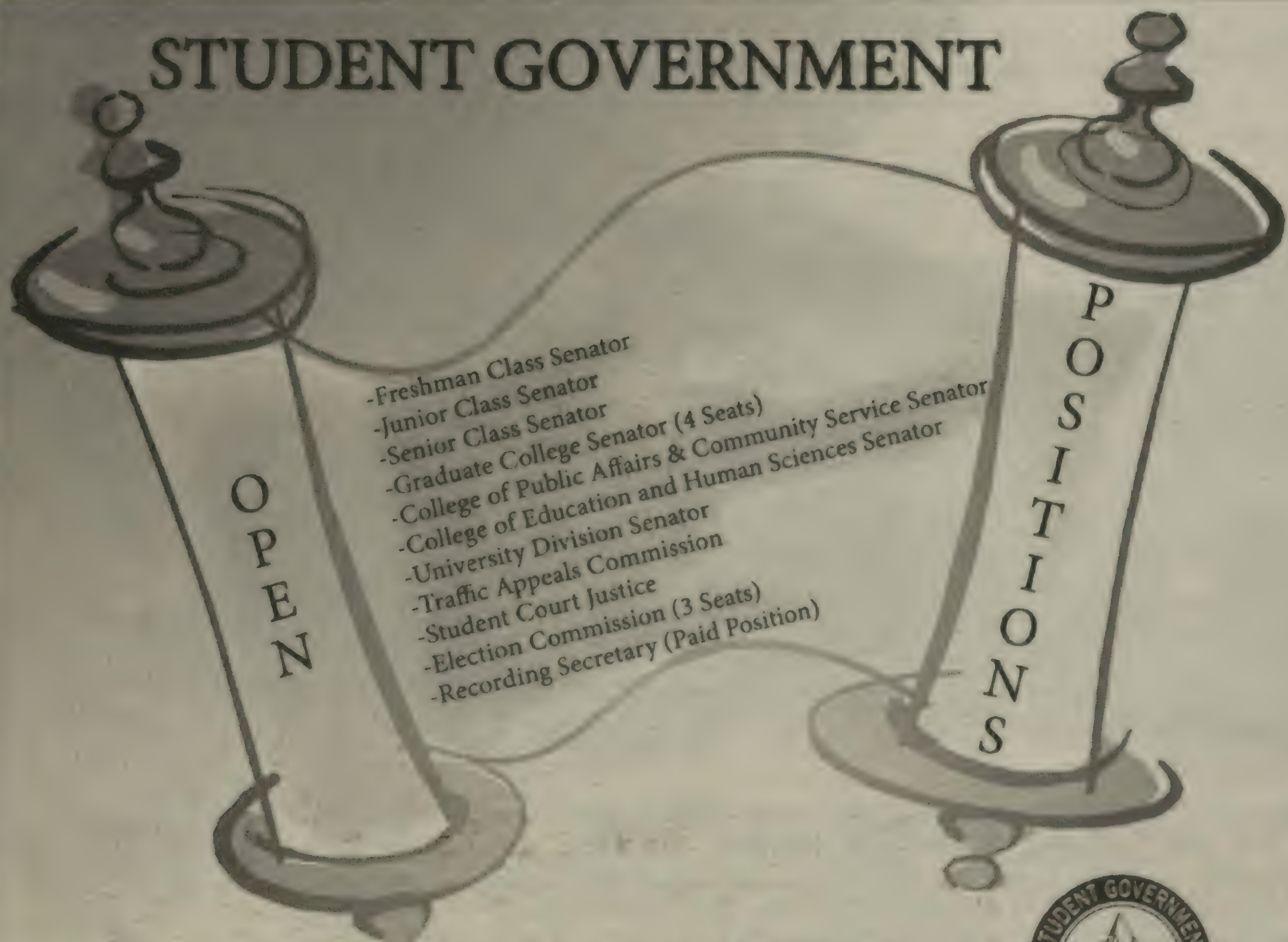
Speaking of slip-on skate shoes, the hottest shoe trend this past summer was Vans, and the trend will only continue to grow this fall. With colors ranging from pink and black to even rainbow, Vans make a perfect finishing touch for any wardrobe. The coolest thing about these shoes is that they can go with anything. You can wear nice slacks and a button down t-shirt, or just stick with the classic jean and t-shirt look and the vans still look great. Other shoe companies are catching on. Nike, Adidas, Converse, Ben Sherman and Diesel all have extensive lines of this slip on style shoe.

### One size does not fit all

I wouldn't necessarily say that this is a new trend, but it is one that will continue to

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beyond marriage and denies benefits like shared health insurance to same-sex partners.

"It [the ban] really does infringe on civil liberties across the spectrum," Michaelix said. "Whether or not you support gay marriage, this is not Nebraska values."

Fellow UNL student Joshua Avila said conservative attitudes in the Midwest is one reason there's a ban. He said making gay marriage an issue is a way for politicians to divert from other important topics.

"Flag-burning, gay marriage: these aren't things that really are the big issues in America right now," Avila said. "We should be more worried about education, the war in Iraq, [and] medical coverage for everyone."

Bramlett said politicians are supposed to take care of their voters.

"For me it is not an issue if the politicians like me personally," he said. "It's that I'm an American citizen. I want equality."

Gabriel Gonzalez, a UNO graduate student and president of UNO's GLBTA group, said protests like the one in Lincoln are a good way to get the politicians' attention.

"By showing the amount of people interested in this issue, politicians are more likely to listen," he said.

"Hopefully it [the protest] will influence more people to get active and start making a difference," McArthur said. "And hopefully we can get the policy makers to listen to us and realize that we need our rights, too."



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become more popular this fall. The trend I speak of is buying your clothes one size too small. This simply means that if you are a medium in shirts, buy a small. The skinny look was huge this past summer, primarily on the east coast, and it's going to start making its way into many department stores here in the Midwest. Tight t-shirts with short sleeves, jeans that stick to the skin, button downs that barely button and my personal favorites, the snug sweater vest and skinny track jacket.

**Other trends to watch out for:** cardigans, corduroys, plaid and the common, but newly

fashionable, hooded sweatshirt.

#### The ladies:

Allison says . . .

Things are definitely going to change this fall. Say goodbye to the days of flared legs with light wash. If you want to fit in, research the 80s and add a twist of today.

#### What's hot?

It is impossible to walk through the mall without being overrun by leggings, minis, and grandpa sweaters (those which hang past the knees and button up). Dark is in and, yes, purple is the color for this season, as are patterns. Polka dots, stripes, plaid just name it and it's on the racks. Luckily, wardrobes don't need to be replaced. The past year's trends are filtering as well; just pair the V sweaters with straight-leg, dark-wash denim. Straight-leg may scare most, but it seems to be coming with a bang -- just look out.

#### The season for the bold

Okay, the fashion is going where most doubted it would ever go again, but some of the 80s were good. Bold shoes and kitten heels are everywhere. It's great to pair the sweater with a mini and leggings, and slip on your favorite peep-toe or platform shoe. It's the look to hit the town in: It's the time to be unique so why hesitate? The best part of all this craziness: mixing and matching styles, colors, and shapes is up to the dresser. Dress the best features.

#### Not for everyone

Now, keep in mind all styles shouldn't come back. Ladies, avoid the turtleneck sweater dresses. Wasted belts are great for poplin shirts and tunics, but this was a miss even way back when. It is extremely hard for even the most stylish to pull off a knee-length mustard gold sack with patent leather belt. No fear for the trendiest, just pick up a simple wrap or shirt dress and make it fresh.



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Stripes and other long-sleeved patterns can be easily paired up with jeans for a comfy, modern look.



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The classics 80s leggings have been spun round and round making a stop under a miniskirt or standing alone. They can be paired up with ballerina flats, flip flops or cool sneakers.

#### Finish off the look with...

This is the best news. All the chunky and fun necklaces hanging in the jewelry box are still hot! Keep it bold, vibrant and layered. But beware of overdoing it. The patterns are big and the styles are intense; the final touch needs to reflect the modern lady.

Also, keep eyes open for short wool shorts paired with high heels. Plaid pants and gauchos are still making a run for it, but now in the more casual outlook. Pair them with a hoodie and the season is made.

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# Durango Days 2006 introduces new students to campus, activities

This was the first year that UNO held Durango Days. Chris Liewer of the Recruitment Office said the reaction was very positive and the numbers were pleasing. "We had about 270 to 280 students turn-out for Durango Days. Most of them were new freshman and some transfer students," Liewer said.



The flags were waving freely as students participated in Durango Days.

Denise Rieck (left) puts a lei around Matt Wallace as he enters the Durango Days festivities in the HPER building.



Becky Christi, Mary McDonald and Amanda Maxwell stand near their table showcasing the UNO equestrian team.





Students line up to indulge in some refreshments provided by the Durango Days organizers in the HPER building.

Belayer Bryan Tipton attaches a harness onto incoming student Seth Carlock before climbing the rock wall.




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# Arts & Leisure

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## Summer movie season ends with plenty to look forward to this fall

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With the summer blockbuster period coming to a marked end with the release of *Snakes on a Plane* (finally!), the sum total of what the last few months offered left much to be desired. With a few notable exceptions, the summer of 2006 was a bust for what casual and geek filmgoers have come to expect in recent years. But all is not lost. The remainder of 2006 will fill the void, offering more adult material, more intellectual fare, and the horror and romance flicks you were missing during the summer season. And if those are not your type of films, don't worry. There are plenty of things to fill your action and comedy quota.

Provided below is a list of all the important releases coming out this semester along with descriptions of what to expect:

film from "Project: Greenlight" season 3. *Feast*, by the way, looks to be a classic horror film, but it will only be in theaters for two midnight shows on Sept. 22 and 23, with no other times offered.

**Friday, Sept. 29** – *Open Season*, *School for Scoundrels*, *The Guardian* – *Open Season* is a kid's movie that has more than likely already annoyed you on TV or before other movies already in theatres. *Scoundrels* stars Napoleon Dynamite himself, John Heder, and pits him against Billy Bob Thornton in a comedy about seducing women. And the Coast Guard finally gets a movie made about them in *The Guardian*. But...it stars Kevin Costner and Ashton Kutcher.

**Wednesday, Oct. 4** – *Shortbus*, *Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning* – *Shortbus*, which has a release date that may change or the film may never hit Omaha, is a romantic dramedy incorporating hardcore sex scenes. Now that's how you get your boyfriends to a chick flick. *Beginning* is exactly what the title suggests: a prequel to 2003's horror remake featuring the "making-of" Leatherface.

**Friday, Oct. 6** – *Employee of the Month*, *The Departed*, *Breaking and Entering* – You have a comedy starring Dane Cook, a mob/cop drama from Martin Scorsese starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon, Jack Nicholson,

and Mark Wahlberg, and a Jude Law drama from the director of *The English Patient* and *Cold Mountain*, in that order.

**Friday, Oct. 13** – *The Grudge 2*, *Man of the Year*, *The Marine* – *Grudge 2* is the sequel to that horror remake without the original lead. *Man of the Year* tells the story of a late-night political talk show host running for President of the United States. *The Marine* is a B-grade action flick starring WWE superstar John Cena as "The Marine."

**Friday, Oct. 20** – *Flags of Our Fathers*, *Fast Food Nation*, *Marie Antoinette*, *The Prestige* – Too many movies this day! *Flags* is Clint Eastwood's telling of the men who raised the flag at Iwo Jima during the battle in WWII and it has a companion piece coming out next year telling the same story from the Japanese side. *Fast Food* is the dramatization of a non-fiction book about the American fast food industry. *Marie Antoinette* is Sofia Coppola's follow-up to *Lost in Translation*, a controversial telling of the young queen's life featuring (among other historical inaccuracies) Antoinette wearing tennis shoes. *The Prestige* is director Christopher Nolan's follow-up to *Batman*

*Begins*. It's about two warring magicians in period England. Hugh Jackman and Christian Bale play the magicians.

**Friday, Oct. 27** – *Babel*, *Saw III*, *Lucky You* – *Babel* is already gaining Oscar buzz for the performances by leads Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett in a tragedy of interconnected stories. *Saw III* continues the Jigsaw legacy. *Lucky You* stars Eric Bana in *8 Mile* director Curtis Hanson's story of relationships set in the world of professional poker.



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**Friday, Nov. 3** – *Flushed Away*, *Borat*, *The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause* – If you are going to see one movie this weekend, it better be *Santa Clause 3*. But if you haven't seen the first two, then here's what you should know about the other choices, which in no way could possibly compare: *Flushed Away* is from the "Wallace and Gromit" guys. It's about a high-class, penthouse-living rat that is flushed down the toilet and must learn a new way of life. *Borat* is the spin-off from "Da Ali G Show," starring Borat, the lovable Kazakhstani who makes documentaries about American life. If you've never heard of Borat, ask someone to explain and then get a ticket to what will most definitely be the funniest movie of 2006.

**Friday, Nov. 10** – *Stranger Than Fiction*, *The Return*, *A Good Year* – Will Ferrell makes a semi-drama about a man who finds that his life is being narrated by an unknown novelist and seeks her out. Should be trippy and great. *The Return* is not a horror remake, but when reading the summary, this Sarah Michelle Gellar film might as well be. *A Good Year* reunites Russell Crowe and his *Gladiator* director, Ridley Scott, this time with a drama about an Englishman moving to America.

**Friday, Nov. 17** – *Casino Royale*, *Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny*, *Happy Feet* – *Happy Feet*, a children's film about penguins, and the greatest band in rock and roll history will do battle with the highly anticipated re-launch of the James Bond series, starring new Bond, Daniel Craig, in a retelling of the book that started it all.

**Wednesday, Nov. 22** – *The Fountain*, *Déjà vu*, *Let's Go to Prison*, *For Your Consideration*, *The Hoax*, *Bobby*, *Deck the Halls*, *The*

*History Boys* – Okay, most of these probably won't make it to Omaha on this date just because of the sheer amount, but here goes: *The Fountain* stars Hugh Jackman in Darren Aronofsky's trippy story of a man searching to save his love over the course of a few centuries. *Déjà vu* is the reteaming of Tony Scott and Denzel Washington in an action/crime/mystery thingy. *Let's Go to Prison* is a low budget comedy about prison. *For Your Consideration* is from the *Best in Show* crew, a part-improvisation comedy about an independent movie nominated for the Best Picture Oscar. *The Hoax* stars Richard Gere as the real life guy who wrote a fake autobiography of Howard Hughes, and *Bobby* is about Bobby Kennedy. *Deck the Halls* is your non-Santa-related Christmas comedy of the year and *The History Boys* is based on the famous play of the same name. Wow.

**Friday, Dec. 1** – *Bug*, *Van Wilder 2: The Rise of Taj*, *The Nativity Story* – *Bug* is from the original *The Exorcist* director William Friedkin about...uhh...bugs. And there's some people that see them everywhere. *Van Wilder 2* is the sequel to the now cult classic original...but no Ryan Reynolds. *The Nativity Story* is just what the title suggests.

**Friday, Dec. 8** – *Apocalypto*, *The Good German*, *The Holiday* – Mel Gibson's Mayan epic faces off at the box office against not only its director's racist comments, but also Steven Soderbergh's film noir starring George Clooney and Tobey Maguire and the date movie of the fall, *The Holiday*, starring Cameron Diaz, Jude Law, Kate Winslett and Jack Black.

**Friday, Dec. 15** – *Blood Diamond*, *The Pursuit of Happyness* – Leonardo DiCaprio and Djimon Hounsou star in a film about the conflict diamonds of Africa in *Blood Diamond*. That second film's title is spelled correctly. The film is about a salesman who takes custody of his son and starts a new path in his life in the depressing Will Smith drama.

**Friday, Dec. 22** – *Charlotte's Web*, *Night at the Museum*, *We are Marshall*, *Rocky Balboa* – *Charlotte's Web* is a straight retelling of the classic children's book. Now in live action! *Museum* stars Ben Stiller in a children's fantasy/comedy where the museum comes to life at night. *Marshall* is the true story of Marshall University's inspiring comeback after a plane crash killed nearly the entire team and staff. This *Rocky* is the last of the series and, from the look of it, Stallone still has it in him for the final film of the classic film franchise.

**Monday, Dec. 25** – *The Children of Men*, *Dreamgirls*, *Pan's Labyrinth*, *Black Christmas* – In *Children*, Clive Owen must protect the only pregnant woman in the world to help Earth's scientists figure out why women can no longer procreate. *Dreamgirls* is the musical of 2006, based on the 1980s stage show, starring Beyonce Knowles and Jamie Foxx. *Pan's Labyrinth* is the R-rated fairy tale of a young girl who meets a scary faun that tells her she is the queen of an underground world. And finally, *Black Christmas* is (what else?) a classic horror remake.

And there you have it. The studios have just jammed all of their films into the last four months of the year. What's going to be good? What's going to be bad? Who knows at this point? One thing is for sure, though. It is going to be an expensive few months for entertainment.



Universal Pictures

**Friday, Aug. 25** – *Invincible*, *Idlewild*, and *Beerfest* – This is a big weekend for those having already seen the before-mentioned *Snakes on a Plane*. *Invincible* tells the story of Vince Papale, the walk-on Philadelphia Eagle, while *Idlewild* brings the music of Outkast to life and from the Broken Lizard guys, *Beerfest* tells the emotional and patriotic story of a team of Americans brought together to beat the Germans at what they do best, drink beer.

**Friday, Sept. 1** – *Crank*, *The Wicker Man* – *Crank* is Jason Statham's latest in B-action movies and *The Wicker Man* is yet another classic horror movie remake. If you gotta go to the movies this weekend, see *Snakes on a Plane*. Wait for video on these.

**Friday, Sept. 8** – *The Covenant*, *Hollywoodland*, *The Protector* – *The Covenant*, judging from the preview, should be avoided at all costs. *Hollywoodland* is the story of TV's first Superman, George Reeves, and the mysterious circumstances surrounding his death. Ben Affleck will try to show his dramatic side playing Reeves. The last film is Tony Jaa's newest. Jaa is the "next Bruce Lee" from *Ong-Bak*.

**Friday, Sept. 15** – *Gridiron Gang*, *The Last Kiss*, *The Black Dahlia* – The Rock and Xzibit in a football/prison drama, Zach Braff's follow-up to *Garden State*, and a film based on a book in the same series as *L.A. Confidential* and directed by Brian De Palma.

**Friday, Sept. 22** – *Jack Ass: Number Two*, *Let Li's Fearless*, *All the King's Men*, *Feast* – A huge day with something for everyone. The much anticipated continuation of the *Jack Ass* saga, followed by Jet Li's alleged final kung fu film, a remake of the 1949 Oscar Best Picture-winning film with a new, all-star cast. And, finally, *Feast*, the



Paramount Pictures



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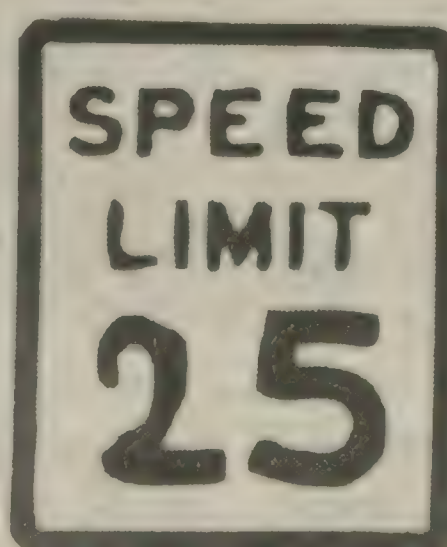
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# Venom of Snakes' marketing due to unprecedented Internet support

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The last time a movie had as much buzz before its release, as *Snakes on a Plane* was, well never. Thanks to the Internet and word of mouth, a movie whose title and premise was fit for straight-to-video is now poised to be one of the biggest films of the year.

The *Snakes on a Plane* phenomenon all started just over one year ago when screenwriter Josh Friedman began talking on his blog about a film script he was planning on helping re-write, tentatively titled "Snakes on a Plane," which starred cult favorite Samuel L. Jackson. On his blog, Friedman recounted his conversation with New Line Cinema who wanted to change the title of the film to "Pacific Air Flight 121," but as Friedman wrote in his blog: "It's a title. It's a concept. It's a poster and a logline and whatever else you need it to be. It's perfect. Perfect." Friedman went so far as to call it "The Everlasting Gobstopper of movie titles." The readers of the blog entry, appropriately titled: "Snakes on a Mother f\*cking Plane," latched on to the project like a cobra sinking its

fangs into a prey and they never let go. News of the movie and, more importantly, its title, made the rounds on high-traffic Web sites like fark.com and youtube.com where visitors were asked to create

created a site called "Snakes on a Blog" with the intention of getting the site's creator to the film's premiere in Los Angeles. A testament to the buzz surrounding the film, Finkelstein got tickets to the premiere and the

protest about the name change. "I didn't even read the script," Jackson said in an interview with imdb.com. "I just saw the title, *Snakes on a Plane*, and said 'Ok, good. I'm there.'"

Realizing how much grassroots support the film had, New Line not only changed the title back, but sent the cast and crew back in for five days of re-shoots to bump the film up to an R-rating. Around the same time, the company's public relations department kicked into overdrive and began a wave of interactive marketing that only served to make the film even more popular. But it still remains to be seen just how successful the film, which unofficially opened last Thursday, will actually become.

While it's anyone's guess just how profitable the film will be, because this low-budget blockbuster is the last big movie of the summer, it could be a very long time before another film knocks these mutha f\*cking snakes off the top of the mutha f\*cking box



New Line Cinema

Samuel L. Jackson stars in the most talked about movie pre-release in the history of film. For the few that don't know, the film's plot centers on what happens when snakes are on the plane.

fake promotional items like movie posters, trailers or similarly absurd film titles; some examples included "Hippos on a Bigwheel" and "Llamas on a Skateboard."

The film got so popular through the Internet that Brian Finkelstein

site received just short of 1 million visitors before the film's release. In March, when executives followed through on their promise to rename the film, a groundswell of supporters, including Samuel L. Jackson himself, rose up in

office.

Stay tuned to the Gateway. In the next issue learn the staff's feelings on *Snakes on a Plane*.

## Welcome Week 2006 will be result of years spent in development



photo by Patrick Doty

Every year during the first week of school, the plaza is filled with entertainment, clubs and organizations and free food for all students.

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Every year, unsuspecting freshmen and transfer students head to their first classes for the fall semester only to be caught in the middle of a four-day melting pot of music, food and human traffic jams known as "Welcome Week." For more than 20 years, the Milo Bail Student Center has provided entertainment during the first week of school to help ease old and new

students alike into the school year.

Barb Treadway-Janousek, director of Student Organizations and Leadership Programs and chair of Welcome Week, explained that while the festivities may only last four days, this year's Welcome Week is the culmination of years of feedback and planning.

"The students have changed, the university has changed, the plaza has changed and so we're able to put more out on the plaza and offer more things for students."

Treadway-Janousek explained that one of the recent changes has been an attempt to synergize Welcome Week with the new three-pronged strategic plan of putting students first, promoting academic excellence and engaging the community.

"[In the past] we had a week full of activities, bands and free food. There's a little more structure to it this year," Treadway-Janousek said. "[Welcome Week will be]...congruent not only with the strategic plan but the recruitment theme as well; so everybody kind of gets used to the idea and it kind of flows together."

As part of these changes, Welcome Week has been separated so that each day highlights a specific area.

This year, Monday focused on students by providing activities like games of pickup basketball; Tuesday will focus on academics, allowing students to meet with individual colleges and departments; Wednesday will focus on the community with booths for numerous non-profit groups; and Thursday will be the annual Clubs and Organizations Fair.

Sophomore Rachel Samson, president of UN-Otaku, an anime club at UNO, hopes a table this Thursday will provide better visibility for her organization.

"It's impossible to inform

everyone that we even exist," Samson said. "So a few of us decided to get a table for Welcome Week and try to score some incoming students or students who just haven't heard of us and it's my hope that we'll do so successfully."

Samson's enthusiasm is something Treadway-Janousek would like to see from every student.

"Getting involved in the university, becoming a part of the university, is kind of an institutional bonding," Treadway-Janousek said. "I think that's very important to the college experience. If you're a part of it, you continue it."

She also says that while Welcome Week tries to accommodate many schedules as possible, she knows not every student has the time to be there every day but that if students still want to learn about what the university has to offer there is always someone available to answer questions.

"I think it's more just informational what's out there" she said. "If they have a question, they can always call me and I'll head them in the right direction."

All Welcome Week activities will occur between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. this week. Additional information on Welcome Week activities can be found at [www.unomaha.edu/welcome](http://www.unomaha.edu/welcome).



## Brad Paisley at the MAC



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Brad Paisley tosses a guitar pick to a fan during his concert at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs on Aug. 11.



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## New shows on old networks, plus a new network

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This fall marks not only the beginning of a new television season and the launches of dozens of new shows, but also the dawn of a new broadcast network—or maybe it's a "what's old is new again network." Mark your calendars for Monday, Sept. 18, as the lovechild of The WB and UPN (a.k.a. The CW Television Network) opens its doors to new and old viewers. The last time a new network arrived on the scene was more than a decade ago.

Here's a sneak peak at each network's most intriguing new series, appropriately beginning with the newest network:

#### The CW (www.cwtv.com)

Donnie Wahlberg ("Boomtown") and Leslie Hope (who played mom Teri Bauer on "24") are the parents of a family on the lam in "Runaway," as Wahlberg tries to find evidence to clear his name of a false conviction for a "terrible and violent crime." If nothing else, this one looks promising because of the pedigree of Wahlberg and Hope.

#### NBC (www.nbc.com)

Aaron Sorkin and Thomas Schlamme of NBC's late, brilliant "West Wing" and an all-star cast bring us one of the fall's most anticipated new shows in "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip," a drama set behind the scenes at a "Saturday Night Live" like sketch show. Matthew Perry, Bradley Whitford, Amanda Peet, D.L. Hughley, Steven Weber and Timothy Busfield star. If it can hold a candle to "West Wing" at its best, we've got an instant classic here. Judging from the promos, it looks smart and fun.

#### ABC (www.abc.com)

"The Nine" looks like it might make a great lead-out



NBC

Past NBC stars Bradley Whitford (right) and Matthew Perry (left) star together in "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip" about a "Saturday Night Live" style sketch show.

to "Lost." Tim Daly ("Wings"), Scott Wolf ("Party of Five"), Chi McBride ("Boston Public") and Kim Raver ("24") lead an ensemble cast, forever connected as a result of a bank robbery gone awry and the subsequent 52-hour hostage standoff. Each episode opens with ten more minutes of the standoff, helping the audience to piece together what happened inside the bank and to understand the connection these people still share. This one looks spooky. Plus, for those old "Party of Five" fans, who can turn down the one-two punch of Matthew Fox in "Lost," immediately followed by Scott Wolf?

#### Fox (www.fox.com)

In "Standoff," the talented Ron Livingston and Rosemary DeWitt star as hostage negotiators who sleep together—but can they still work together? Yes, it sounds a little cheesy, but Livingston is a great actor so I am betting he can make it work.

#### CBS (www.cbs.com)

"Jericho," with Skeet Ulrich and Gerald McRaney ("Major Dad"), is about an attack on a small town with its residents left to wonder whether they are the last humans alive, and the unusual things that start to happen.

Clips of the networks' new fall shows are available on their Web sites.



FOX TV

Ron Livingston leads the cast in Fox's new hostage negotiator drama which will immediately follow "House" on Tuesdays.

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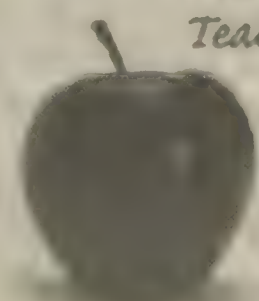
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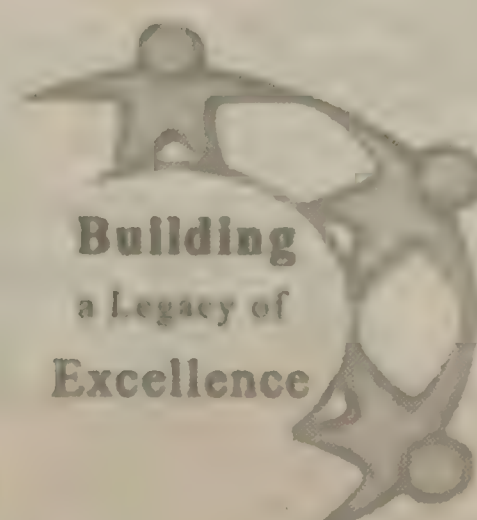
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# Newest Slayer album sounds old Morning, evening news changes

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I'm a leftover relic from the original days of metal, the days of the Clash of the Titans tour: 1990. Megadeth, Anthrax, Slayer and an unknown band called Alice in Chains were all on the road together. It was every metalhead's wet dream.

I struggled through the Slayer set while waiting for that redheaded devil Dave Mustaine of Megadeth to hit the stage. I wasn't struggling because of the performance. I was just trying to stay alive.

It was at that show I discovered real metal, not hair metal or glam or deathcore, but real metal.

I also discovered it is a pretty hard genre in which to evolve and keep the music fresh. (I was pretty deep at 14 years old.)

I sat down to listen to the new Slayer album, *Christ Illusion*, with limited expectations. If you aim low you can't really fall too far.

Complete with jaundice yellow-looking cover art, the disc is everything metal is supposed to be. Just like the last Slayer album I actually paid for, 1990's *Seasons in the Abyss*, *Christ Illusion* is pretty loud and fast.

Tom Araya still screams like the crazy guy on the corner of 24th and Farnam Streets. Kerry King still plays guitar so fast that there is no real melody. Dave Lombardo still beats the living crap out of a poor, unsuspecting drum kit like it owes him money. And Jeff Hanneman is still Jeff Hanneman.

But honestly it was, according to my iTunes clock, 38.4 minutes of the same CD all over again.



Unoriginal and uninspired, the band's main lyricists, King and Araya, schlep the same kind of bad poetry the smelly greasy-looking angry kid in the back of ninth grade geometry wrote. It is immature and tired.

As suggested by the title, Slayer is ready to independently

alert the entire universe to the falsehoods, horrors and atrocities of organized religion. I won't lie: Organized religion is something of which I'm not much of a fan either. But, again, it's lame and redundant.

Don't get me wrong, though. I still have mad respect for some nearly 50-year-old guys that can still rock that hard and take themselves seriously.

The key track on *Christ Illusion* is definitely "Supremist" because it's the last one and means the CD is almost over.

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STAFF WRITER

Following a remarkably stable period in network TV news, the last couple of years have been witness to sweeping changes for morning and evening anchor positions.

Since the early 80s, it had been Dan Rather, Tom Brokaw and Peter Jennings (who was polished and poised in all his irreverent Canadian-ishness and who may have well been our generation's Walter Cronkite) every night at 5:30 on CBS, NBC and ABC, respectively. "Today," long NBC's most profitable program, had "America's First Family" of Matt Lauer, Katie Couric, Ann Curry and Al Roker as TV's No. 1 morning team for more than a decade. Even ABC's Diane Sawyer and Charles Gibson had been paired on perennial runner-up "Good Morning America" since 1999.

Until, that is, Brokaw announced his retirement (to be replaced, in a carefully planned transition, by Brian Williams). Rather retired amidst controversy and Jennings died of lung cancer.

Later on, Couric announced her move to the "CBS Evening News" and television's most prestigious newsmagazine, "60 Minutes." Shortly thereafter, "The View"'s Meredith Vieira said she was to replace Couric on "Today." And Gibson bid farewell to the morning to take over ABC's "World News Tonight." Confused yet?

Predicting the horserace among the morning competition is a no-brainer: Vieira is well liked by viewers and critics and is a

suitable replacement for Couric. Even without Couric, the "Today" show will continue to be the Gold Standard of breakfast-casts. Skilled in interviews and a master ad-libber, Lauer is such a pro that it begs the question of whether or not he is better qualified to anchor an evening newscast than even Couric herself.

Poor "GMA" will still have to settle for second and CBS's "The Early Show" (has anyone ever actually watched this show?) might never escape its last place status.

But what of the evening news? This is one battle not too many people are willing to lay down their bets on.

With massive amounts of free publicity in news stories for the last six months, there's no question that Couric will be hot in her inaugural broadcasts, but will she be able to maintain that interest? It is anyone's guess, but it will most likely depend on how adept she is in blending her "perky" morning personality with the



CBS News

Katie Couric just made the jump from NBC's morning news show "Today" to CBS's "Evening News."

more somber tones required by a nightly newscast.

Does she have the hard news chops to do it? Absolutely. She's also a proficient interviewer and newsreader. Who cares if she wears a skirt or pants, if she wears her hair short or long, or if she shows off her legs? (Okay, so maybe some guys *do* care about that last one.) Anyone who saw her sit-down with the father and brother of murdered students after the Columbine massacre can attest to her competence for the job.

Is she good enough (or lucky enough) to beat the now veteran Williams or Gibson? It will be interesting to see what happens this fall.

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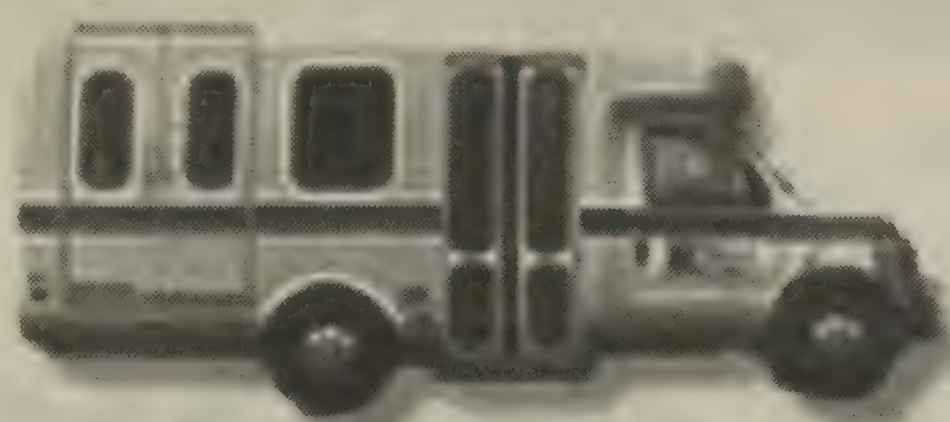
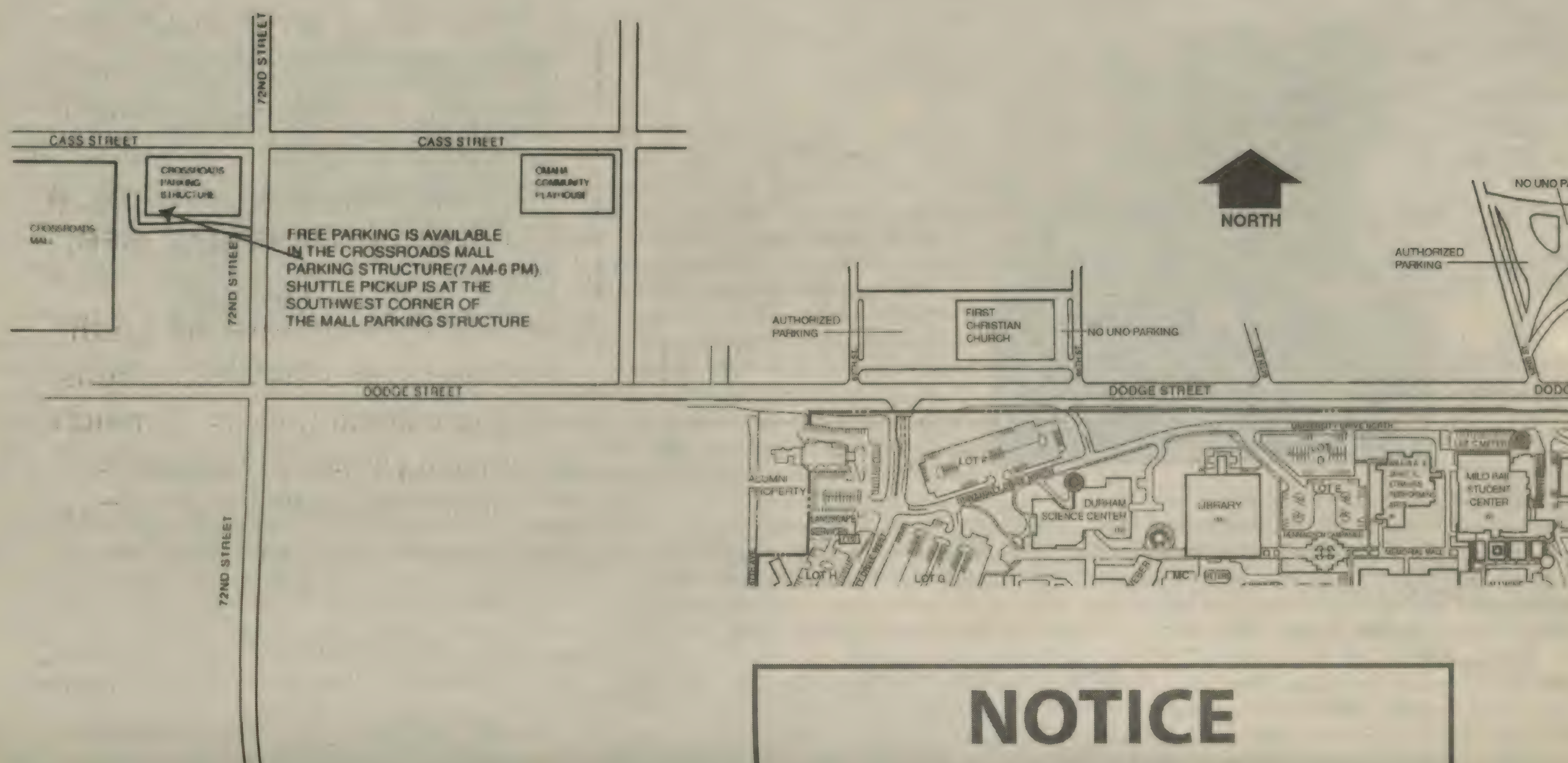
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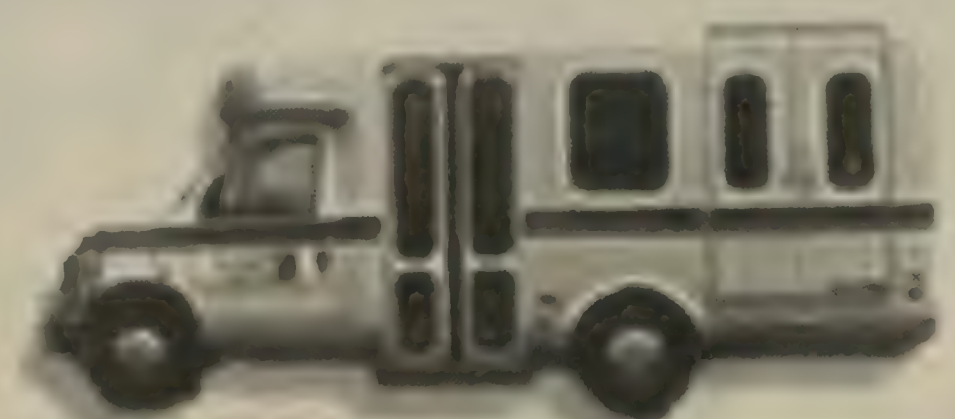
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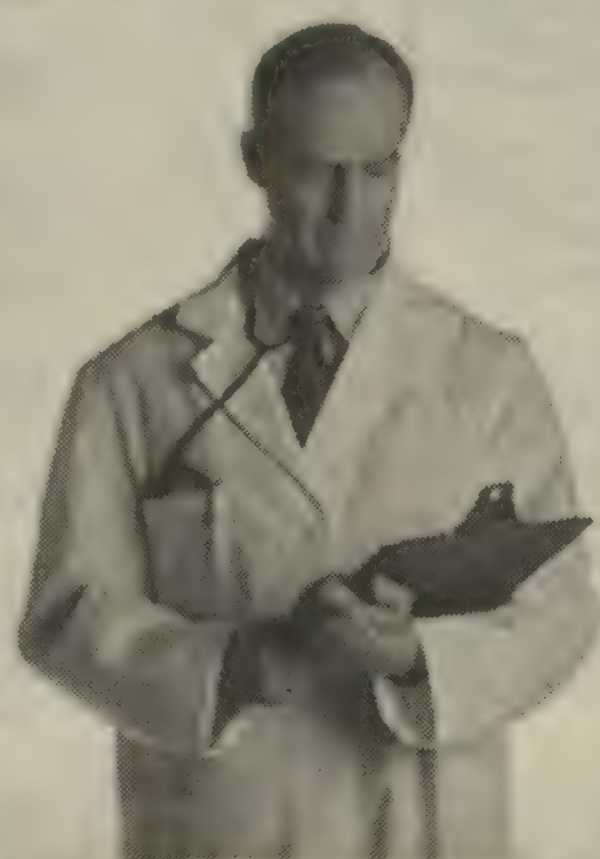
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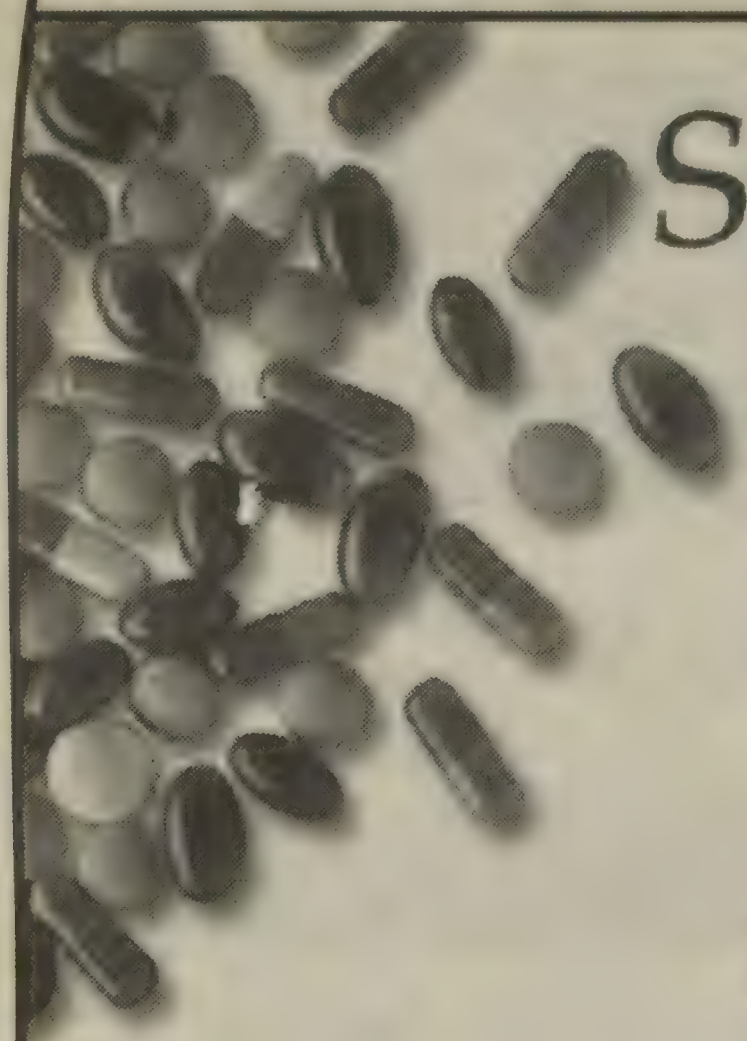
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## Fall ushers in next-generation console war with Wii and PS3

COMMENTARY BY  
BRYAN KOHLER  
STAFF WRITER

Within a few months, electronics stores will be packed with the next generation game systems. We've already seen Microsoft's Xbox 360, but many are eagerly awaiting the release of Nintendo's Wii and Sony's PlayStation 3.

PlayStation 3 is slated for release in November, carrying a \$500 or \$600 price tag depending on the model you get. Wii, on the other hand, has both an

Originally, the PS3 was set to be released with a new controller shaped like a boomerang. However, due to public complaint, Sony switched to a new controller based on the DualShock 2 controller from the PS2. The controller now also features motion sensors to improve gameplay. PlayStation 3 has massive potential for jaw-dropping games and it leaves the consumer to their imagination with the possibilities.

The Nintendo Wii, on the other hand, is Nintendo's attempt to take back the gaming market. Due to this mindset, Nintendo has made the Wii into a pure and original video game experience. It doesn't have the bells and whistles of other consoles (no DVD player, only minimal graphics improvements), but it has an online function unlike any other next-gen system.

The Wii will allow players to download classic Nintendo games from the original Nintendo Entertainment System up through the Nintendo 64. You can even download games from previous competitors' consoles like Sega and NEC.

The main reason people will want the Wii is its controller innovations. The main part of the controller is like a TV remote that has a motion sensor and the standard gaming buttons. The Wii will also offer a Nunchuk attachment that will restore some of the old school playing styles. The Nunchuk features the trigger button and a joystick.

If you don't like the new controller, there are two more to use. Wii also has the "retro" style controller, which resembles a Super Nintendo controller and, if you want, your current GameCube controllers (along with the games) will work as well.

Nintendo's main focus is on gameplay, and that's also their selling point. One of the best features is the virtual



The Nintendo Wii was on display at the Electronic Entertainment Expo this year.

unconfirmed price and an unconfirmed launch. A lot of the information so far has been on a "rumor has it" basis.

Apparently, the Wii will be launched before PS3 and will be under \$250 for the system. But that's just what Nintendo and industry analysts have guessed. Getting a hold of the systems shouldn't be difficult seeing how both companies will have at least 2 to 3 million systems ready for launch.

There isn't a clear cut "better" system to buy. A purchase will be based more on preference.

The PlayStation 3 will have the best graphics capabilities of all the next-gen systems. In addition, PS3 uses Blu-ray DVDs for games, so Blu-ray DVD movies can be viewed using the PS3. Much like the past PlayStation 2, the PS3 has backwards compatibility, meaning it can play PlayStation and PlayStation 2 games.

Sequels to premiere titles like Resident Evil, Grand Theft Auto, Metal Gear Solid and so on will be made and released for the system. Most of the major PlayStation-only developers will release next-gen sequels later this year and next year. Although it's a bit expensive, it is definitely worth the money. It's even more so if you own an HDTV.



The PlayStation 3 was also modeled next to its new, yet familiar controller design at E3.

library. Where Wii lacks in technological breakthrough, it definitely makes up for in sheer innovation. This system sounds promising.

In another month we will know more

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## What games are expected at launch?

### Sony PlayStation 3

John Woo presents Stranglehold  
Lair  
Madden NFL 07  
Marvel: Ultimate Alliance  
Need for Speed Carbon  
Rainbow Six: Vegas  
Resistance: Fall of Man  
Ridge Racer 7  
Sonic the Hedgehog  
Tony Hawk's Project 8  
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### Nintendo Wii

Dragon Quest Swords: the Masked Queen and the Tower of Mirrors  
Excite Truck  
Final Fantasy Crystal Chronicles: The Crystal Bearers  
The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess  
Madden NFL 07  
Marvel: Ultimate Alliance  
Metroid Prime 3: Corruption  
Need for Speed Carbon  
Red Steel  
Wii Sports



# Film Streams Cinema to open doors in June 2007

MICHAEL McMANUS  
PEOPLE EDITOR

The countdown to Omaha's Film Streams Cinema continues.

Film Streams, a non-profit arts organization dedicated to enhancing the cultural environment of Omaha through the presentation and discussion of film, will be opening a two-screen facility in June 2007.

The theatre will bring films to Downtown Omaha for the first time in a decade, and has seen overwhelming support from the Omaha community.

"I couldn't be more thrilled that a home for art-house and retrospective screenings will now be a permanent part of the community in general and of the new downtown residential and arts scene in particular," said Omaha native and Academy Award-winning filmmaker Alexander Payne.

The two-screen facility will be located within the Saddle Creek Records development project located at 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Streets between Cuming and Webster Streets in downtown Omaha, and will include all the amenities found in many multiplex theatres around the country.

The theatre will operate seven days a week and will

show first run films, documentaries, foreign and independent films currently unavailable to area audiences and repertory selections representing the diverse history of cinema.

Film Streams recently announced a \$1.2 million capital campaign to support the start-up costs of the cinema, and has already made significant progress towards its goal. A \$500,000 gift (from an undisclosed source), a \$200,000 challenge grant from the Peter Kiewit Foundation and a \$75,000 grant from Iowa West Foundation have all generously been received. First National Bank, HDR and Omaha Steaks have also made significant corporate contributions.

"The support for Film Streams' capital campaign has been tremendous," said Film Streams Director Rachel Jacobson. "I really can't say enough about the community leaders who have generated so much momentum for this project through their outstanding commitment and vision for Omaha's cultural future. We have some work ahead of us still, but the support so far has been inspiring."

Along with the Film Stream's cinema, the Saddle Creek Records development project will also include Saddle Creek Records new administrative offices, the label's independent rock music bar/club Slowdown, a restaurant, retail space and live/work loft space.



Film Streams

This artist's rendering showcases what the finished Film Streams Cinema will look like in its home in the Saddle Creek Records development area downtown.

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details. Until then, these are the things you need to know about the systems.

Is one better than the other?

Depends on who you are. Are they better than the Xbox 360 or even the PS2, which Sony is still pumping out games for in its golden years? That remains to be seen. Both systems should have successful launches and should be neck to neck in sales. However, each has its bad qualities. Will Wii break out of Nintendo's hardcore, diehard fan base and into the mainstream? Will PS3 overcome its steep as hell cover charge?

As of now, in portable gaming, Nintendo DS is outselling the Sony PSP, and DS is definitely in the same vein as the Wii with its originality. PSP, on the other hand, was aimed at the techno-junkie, playing movies along with its games and also allowing music downloads. Some analysts have compared the handhelds to the heavy hitting systems and are predicting Wii to outsell PS3.

One thing is for sure, though. Both systems are going to take gaming to a completely different level than ever before.



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The UNO men's basketball team hits the home court for the first time Tuesday, Nov. 21 against Missouri Western at Sapp Fieldhouse. Students get in free with current UNO ID.

## Basketball team's future up in air for new season

JASON GLENN  
SPORTS EDITOR

For the UNO men's basketball team, the 2006-07 season holds a fair dose of mystery. Having graduated one of the program's all-time greats, Calvin Kapels, the program is set to welcome a host of transfer students and new recruits. The Maverick b-ballers' first task will be getting to know each other.

"We're going to have a lot of new players on our roster

this year," Head Coach Derrin Hansen says. "It'll come down to how we mesh on the court."

Stepping into the leadership role will be senior Zac Robinson, who led the team in three-point shooting last year and was third in overall scoring. Junior Denny Johnston and sophomores Grant Nieland and Michael Jenkins, all experienced veterans who figure to see more playing time, will be vital in helping Robinson pull the squad together.

Transfers Josh Vanderslice, Timir Patel and Jerry Bennett and incoming recruit Andrew Bridger will most likely jump

into important roles, as well.

With all the uncertainty, the Mavs' main goal will be consistent effort.

"We're going to look at playing as hard as we can every single day in practice and in games," says Hansen.

What may prove most crucial to the team's success is how they spent their time off.

"We had a little bit of a nucleus here this summer that played together," Hansen says. "They should really set the foundation for the team"

## 2006 Men's Basketball Schedule

Fri, Nov 17	Mary - SCSU Invitational	St. Cloud, MN	5:00 p.m.
Sat, Nov 18	Rockhurst - SCSU Invitational	St. Cloud, MN	6:00 p.m.
Tue, Nov 21	Missouri Western	Sapp Fieldhouse	7:00 p.m.
Fri, Nov 24	Chadron State - Thanksgiving Classic	Sapp Fieldhouse	8:00 p.m.
Sat, Nov 25	Quincy - Thanksgiving Classic	Sapp Fieldhouse	8:00 p.m.
Tue, Nov 28	Peru State	Sapp Fieldhouse	7:00 p.m.
Fri, Dec 1	Regis - CSU-Pueblo Tournament	Pueblo, CO	4:00 p.m.
Sat, Dec 2	Colorado State-Pueblo - CSU-Pueblo Tournament	Pueblo, CO	8:00 p.m.
Tue, Dec 5	York	Sapp Fieldhouse	8:00 p.m.
Wed, Dec 6	Emporia State	Emporia, KS	7:30 p.m.
Fri, Dec 15	Midland Lutheran	Sapp Fieldhouse	7:00 p.m.
Mon, Dec 18	Doane	Sapp Fieldhouse	7:00 p.m.
Fri, Dec 29	Dana	Sapp Fieldhouse	7:00 p.m.
Sun, Dec 31	Concordia-Saint Paul	Sapp Fieldhouse	1:00 p.m.
Thu, Jan 4	Augustana *	Sioux Falls, SD	8:00 p.m.
Sat, Jan 13	Minnesota Duluth *	Sapp Fieldhouse	TBA
Thu, Jan 18	South Dakota *	Sapp Fieldhouse	8:00 p.m.
Sat, Jan 20	North Dakota *	Grand Forks, ND	8:00 p.m.
Thu, Jan 25	Augustana *	Sapp Fieldhouse	8:00 p.m.
Sat, Jan 27	St. Cloud State *	St. Cloud, MN	4:00 p.m.
Sat, Feb 3	South Dakota *	Vermillion, SD	8:00 p.m.
Thu, Feb 8	St. Cloud State *	Sapp Fieldhouse	8:00 p.m.
Sat, Feb 10	Minnesota State, Mankato *	Sapp Fieldhouse	TBA
Tue, Feb 13	Nebraska-Kearney	Kearney, NE	7:00 p.m.
Sat, Feb 17	North Dakota *	Sapp Fieldhouse	TBA
Thu, Feb 22	Minnesota Duluth *	Duluth, MN	8:00 p.m.
Sat, Feb 24	Minnesota State, Mankato *	Mankato, MN	8:00 p.m.

\* Conference Game

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## Seniors key to Lady Mavs success



photo by Michelle Bishop

The UNO women's basketball team won 20 games last season and reached the semi-finals of the NCC tournament.

AMANDA GOREY  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

"Leadership" is going to be a key word in this year's Lady Mavs basketball lingo.

Patty Patton Shearer will be returning for

her third season as head coach. With seven players returning, five of them seniors, the team looks to build on its recent success.

The Lady Mavs' greatest competition this season will come from within the North Central Conference. The NCC is considered to be tremendously competitive, and at the top in the country in terms of difficulty level.

"We have five seniors coming back this year, that's a definite strength," said Assistant Coach Jason Flores. "Karen [Thies] and Ashley [Freerksen] both received accolades last year in the NCC as newcomers. Karen was All-Conference, Carlye [Jones] has had significant playing time and Toni Kinsey, our starting point guard, which is a very important position, is a huge player. Lacy [Geitzenauer] is coming back having played very well. Those five have senior leadership and we'll feed off of that."

Cayla Hargrove, a 5-foot-11-inch guard, and Ellen Majewski, a 5-foot-6-inch guard, will be returning for their second season with the Lady Mavs. Flores sees them as a great benefit to the team.

"We haven't as coaches set our goals for the season," Flores said. "Until the team comes in, we won't get too far in that. We won 20 games last year and barely missed the Nationals. Once we've gone through pre-season and individual training we'll know more about how we want to use the players. Once things get started we'll see how they work together and how to use them."

Check out a future Gateway issue for the women's basketball schedule.

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photo by Michelle Bishop

True freshman Ross Taplin grappled his way to a third-place finish at the 2006 NCAA II Wrestling Tournament. The 3-time defending national champion Mavericks open their season Nov. 4 at the Daktronics Open in Brookings, SD.

## Wrestlers turn focus inward

JASON GLENN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The UNO wrestling team has learned a bit about staying on top. Winning the last three NCAA II championships has pretty much made them experts on the subject.

Lesson One: Don't get too far ahead of yourself.

"It's not thinking about being national champion," Head Coach Mike Denney says. "It's about performing."

Denney and his wrestlers realize that they've accomplished something special, but they're also aware of the burden that comes with repeated success.

"Each year you're a part of history," Denney says. "But you can't let that quest become a weight holding you down, holding you back."

Leading the charge for a four-peat will be the Mavericks' two returning individual

champions, senior J.D. Naig, a winner, at 174 pounds and senior Cody Garcia at 125 pounds. Senior 157-pounder Patrick Allibone, who captured a title two years ago, will be looking to get back to the top of the podium after finishing third at last year's tournament.

Also figuring prominently will be junior Shane Unger, a second place finisher at 145 pounds, and Ross Taplin, who capped off his true freshman year with third at the nationals. Sophomore Jacob Marrs, who was 21-3 before injury abruptly ended his season in February, will be a major contender at 197 pounds.

Denney knows his team will be in everyone's sights this year. It's the price you pay for being king of the hill for so long. Still, he maintains that the toughest opponent they'll face will be the one they see every day.

"The team to beat is ourselves," Denney says. "We've got to focus on ourselves."

## 2006 Men's Wrestling Schedule

Sat, Nov 4	Daktronics Open	Brookings, SD	9:00 a.m.
Sat, Nov 11	Nichols Open	Fort Dodge, IA	10:00 a.m.
Sat, Nov 18	Kaufman-Brand Open	Sapp Fieldhouse	9:00 a.m.
Sun, Dec 3	Northern Iowa Open	Cedar Falls, Iowa	9:00 a.m.
Sat, Dec 9	Nebraska-Kearney Open	Kearney, NE	9:00 a.m.
Wed, Dec 27	Midlands Tournament	Chicago, Ill.	All Day
Thu, Dec 28	Midlands Tournament	Chicago, Ill.	All Day
Sat, Jan 6	Dana Open	Blair, Neb.	10:00 a.m.
Sat, Jan 13	NWCA National Duals	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day
Sun, Jan 14	NWCA National Duals	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day
Fri, Jan 19	St. Cloud State *	Sapp Fieldhouse	7:00 p.m.
Sat, Jan 20	Brand Open	Sapp Fieldhouse	9:00 a.m.
Fri, Jan 26	Augsburg	Sapp Fieldhouse	7:00 p.m.
Sat, Jan 27	Dana	Blair, Neb.	7:00 p.m.
Fri, Feb 2	Central Oklahoma	Sapp Fieldhouse	7:00 p.m.
Sat, Feb 3	Nebraska-Kearney	Sapp Fieldhouse	7:00 p.m.
Fri, Feb 9	Minnesota State, Mankato *	Mankato, MN	7:00 p.m.
Wed, Feb 14	Augustana *	Sapp Fieldhouse	7:00 p.m.
Sun, Feb 25	North Regional Championships	Moorhead, Minn.	10:00 a.m.
Fri, Mar 9	Division II Nationals	Kearney, NE	All Day
Sat, Mar 10	Division II Nationals	Kearney, NE	All Day

\* Conference Game



The UNO women's track and field team matched their best finish in program history at the NCAA II Outdoor Championships in May, finishing in a tie for ninth-place. The 2006-07 Mavericks leave the blocks in their first indoor meet Dec. 7 at the USD Pre-season Open in Vermillion, SD.

photo by Michelle Bishop

## What You Need to Know!

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Tuition Refund Policy and Deadlines	How to Contact Our Office

## 2006 Track & Field Schedule

Thu, Dec 7	USD Pre-Season Open	Vermillion, SD	3:00 p.m.
Fri, Jan 5	Kansas State Invite	Manhattan, KS	2:00 p.m.
Fri, Jan 12	UNL Holiday Inn Classic	Lincoln, NE	2:00 p.m.
Sat, Jan 13	UNL Holiday Inn Classic	Lincoln, NE	2:00 p.m.
Sat, Jan 20	Division II Challenge	Vermillion, SD	TBA
Fri, Jan 26	Iowa State Open	Ames, IA	12:00 p.m.
Sat, Jan 27	Iowa State Open	Ames, IA	12:00 p.m.
Sat, Feb 3	Fred Beile Classic/Adidas Classic	Lincoln, NE	TBA
Fri, Feb 16	Prairie Wolf Invite	Devaney Sports Center	2:00 p.m.
Fri, Feb 23	NCC Championships	Vermillion, SD	4:00 p.m.
Sat, Feb 24	NCC Championships	Vermillion, SD	4:00 p.m.
Fri, Mar 9	NCAA Division II Nationals	Boston, MA	TBA
Sat, Mar 10	NCAA Division II Nationals	Boston, MA	TBA
Sat, Apr 7	Bearcat Invite	Maryville, MO	TBA
Sat, Apr 14	UNL Invite	Lincoln, NE	TBA
Fri, Apr 20	Doane Relays	Crete, NE	TBA
Sat, Apr 21	Doane Relays	Crete, NE	TBA
Thu, Apr 26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, IA	TBA
Fri, Apr 27	UNL Open	Lincoln, NE	TBA
Sat, Apr 28	Drake Relays	Des Moines, IA	TBA
Sat, May 5	Husker Invite	Lincoln, NE	TBA
Sat, May 12	NCC Championships	Duluth, MN	TBA
Sun, May 13	NCC Championships	Duluth, MN	TBA
Thu, May 24	NCAA Division II Championships	Charlotte, NC	TBA
Fri, May 25	NCAA Division II Championships	Charlotte, NC	TBA
Sat, May 26	NCAA Division II Championships	Charlotte, NC	TBA



# Swimming & Diving Schedule

Sat, Oct 14	Kansas	HPER Pool	1:00 p.m.
Fri, Oct 20	South Dakota *	Vermillion, SD	TBA
Sat, Oct 21	Iowa St.	Ames, IA	TBA
Fri, Oct 27	Nebraska-Kearney	HPER Pool	6:00 p.m.
Fri, Nov 3	Truman State Invite	Kirkville, MO	All Day
Sat, Nov 4	Truman State Invite	Kirkville, MO	All Day
Fri, Nov 17	Nebraska-Kearney	Kearney, NE	5:30 p.m.
Fri, Dec 1	Mutual of Omaha Invite	HPER Pool	All Day
Sat, Dec 2	Mutual of Omaha Invite	HPER Pool	All Day
Fri, Jan 12	South Dakota *	HPER Pool	TBA
Fri, Jan 26	Nebraska	HPER Pool	5:30 p.m.
Sat, Jan 27	Northern Iowa	HPER Pool	2:00 p.m.
Wed, Feb 14	NCC Championships	Grand Forks, ND	All Day
Thu, Feb 15	NCC Championships	Grand Forks, ND	All Day
Fri, Feb 16	NCC Championships	Grand Forks, ND	All Day
Sat, Feb 17	NCC Championships	Grand Forks, ND	All Day
Wed, Mar 7	NCAA Division II Championships	Buffalo, NY	All Day
Thu, Mar 8	NCAA Division II Championships	Buffalo, NY	All Day
Fri, Mar 9	NCAA Division II Championships	Buffalo, NY	All Day
Sat, Mar 10	NCAA Division II Championships	Buffalo, NY	All Day

\* Conference Game



photo by Michelle Bishop

The UNO swimming and diving team will be focused on the competition and hoping to make it to Buffalo, NY on Mar. 7 for the NCAA Division II Championships.

## Swimming and Diving immersed in preparation for new season

AMANDA GOREY  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The competitions are still months away, yet the UNO women's swimming and diving team is preparing to win. This season's team will consist of three returning seniors, one or two transfer students and a few incoming freshmen.

Head Coach Todd Samland feels the team will face some of its toughest competition against swimmers from North Dakota, who are always really strong, and South Dakota, whom he cites as making great strides. However, he feels that the UNO swimmers are going to be strong contenders for both the conference and national championships this season.

"All of the team sports fight tooth and nail, week after week, for position," Samland said. "If you have a rough start to a season, you have the opportunity to learn from it, and to make corrections to improve and change your place in the standings

with a strong finish."

UNO's seniors are forecast to be strong leaders and powerful swimmers. Team captain Lisa Wenhoff, Bridget Schram and Beth Hempleman all have a strong, universal characteristic among them. Swimming is an individual sport, but they are all team players.

The preparations for swimming and diving are much different than team sports.

"Swimming is more like a soufflé; you put in all the ingredients (practice and training), put it in the oven, and hope it doesn't collapse," Samland said. "The entire season really comes down to those three days in February and the conference championship, and in the end it's cut and dry – it all comes down to time. You know you're either in or you're not."

The swimming and diving season will open with their first meet, Oct. 14th against Kansas at the HPER pool at 1 p.m.

# 2006 Golf Schedule

Mon, Sep 11	Drury University Invitational	Springfield, Mo.
Tue, Sep 12	Drury University Invitational	Springfield, Mo.
Sat, Sep 16	Concordia-St. Paul Invitational	St. Paul, MN
Sun, Sep 17	Concordia-St. Paul Invitational	St. Paul, MN
Sat, Sep 23	Southwest Minnesota State Invitational	Marshall, MN
Sun, Sep 24	Southwest Minnesota State Invitational	Marshall, MN
Sun, Oct 1	Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational	Lincoln, NE
Mon, Oct 2	Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational	Lincoln, NE
Sat, Oct 7	NCC Tournament	Sioux Falls, SD
Sun, Oct 8	NCC Tournament	Sioux Falls, SD
Mon, Oct 9	NCC Tournament	Sioux Falls, SD

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Though Division II has different by-laws than Division I, UNO student athletes still may only be paid for "work actually performed" and "at a rate commensurate with the going rate" in that area.

## Oklahoma dismisses Bomar following car-dealership flap

BY BRIAN DAVIS  
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS  
(MCT)

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma officials believe quarterback Rhett Bomar and offensive lineman J.D. Quinn knew they were violating major NCAA rules by accepting money for work they didn't perform at a local car dealership, two university sources said.

That's why OU announced Wednesday it had dismissed the two sophomores the day before the start of preseason practice.

Both sources said OU had been investigating Bomar and Quinn's work relationship with Big Red Sports/Imports for several weeks. The school received a key piece of information late last week. OU officials confirmed the information, one source said, and coach Bob Stoops made a quick decision.

The decision dramatically alters the 2006 season outlook. It also could mean bigger problems for an athletic program already on NCAA probation because of violations committed by its men's basketball and men's and women's gymnastics teams.

"Our team and university actions are necessary because of the intentional participation and knowledge of the student-athletes in these violations," Stoops said in a statement. "I firmly believe that our program is stronger than any individual player, and that a championship program cannot compromise its values."

OU president David Boren said in a statement: "Coach Stoops has done the right thing."

Stoops and athletic director Joe Castiglione are expected to answer questions at a news conference scheduled for 3:15 p.m. CDT on Thursday on campus.

Bomar, a 21-year-old Grand Prairie, Texas, graduate, and his father, Jerry, did not return phone messages. Bomar's mother could not be reached. Quinn, 20, also did not return messages, and no one answered the door at his Garland home.

The two players were roommates and had been working at Big Red Sports/Imports for several months last year, sources said. It's the same dealership that loaned star running back Adrian Peterson a Lexus for several weeks

before the junior secured financing.

OU officials looked into the arrangement this spring but ultimately cleared Peterson of any NCAA wrongdoing. The school said Peterson's lease agreement was in line with the dealership's standard operating procedures.

But school officials were convinced that what Bomar and Quinn were doing was wrong, the sources said.

The two worked at the dealership while it was under different ownership. Mike Donohue sold the dealership in April to David Hudiburg, another area car dealer. Hudiburg said no OU athletes have worked at Big Red since ownership changed hands.

Donohue and his former general manager, Brad McRae, could not be reached. McRae was fired soon after Peterson's car arrangement came to light.

"This all happened before we took over, but we kept the name," Hudiburg said on WWLS-AM. "The people who were here before were sort of responsible, and now we're bearing the brunt of that."

Bomar was a major reason why some preseason magazines considered the Sooners to be national championship contenders. He threw for 2,018 yards and 10 touchdowns while starting 11 of OU's 12 games last year.

Now, it's unclear where Bomar's college career will lead or what the NCAA will do.

Rules state that if the NCAA declares a player ineligible at the Division I-A level, that player would also be ineligible on the Division I-AA, II or III levels. Any school that wanted to sign such a player would have to apply for reinstatement.

The NCAA could act quickly, or a decision on the players and OU itself could take months.

The Sooners, meanwhile, are left scrambling. Receiver Paul Thompson is expected to shift back to quarterback, a position he played before losing the starting job to Bomar last September. Junior transfer Joey Halzle joined the team in the spring, but he has no I-A experience. Touted freshman Sam Bradford was expected to redshirt.

Quinn started four games last year at right guard and was pegged to start this year. His departure hurts an already thin unit.

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By the end of the week, UNO booster clubs were advising their members to suspend support until there was resolution to the issues swirling around the offices above Sapp Fieldhouse.

The troubles came as a particularly harsh counterpoint to one of the most successful years in the history of UNO sports. The Mavericks ended up third in the Director's Cup, a ranking of Division II athletic programs, with national championships in women's soccer and wrestling, 11 overall appearances in national tournaments and the hockey team's first trip to the NCAA Division I tournament.

What could have happened so quickly to cast such a long shadow over an apparently thriving college sports program?

One person who has been actively seeking the answer to that question is Ben Titus, president of the football team's booster organization, the Maverick Beef Club. Titus, a former UNO football player, has been a major figure in the summer-long debate and inquiry into how the athletic department has handled its finances and what the future holds for sports at UNO.

Titus believes the problems have stemmed from a lack of communication and transparency in the upper ranks of the athletic department.

"How do you keep something so confidential for such a long period of time, right up until the point where it's not fixable, and then you're going to fire people," said Titus. "I mean, we have a lot of supporters, we've got a booster organization for nearly every sport on campus, we have sponsors that give us money for golf outings and all kinds of different people, and that's not even really taking into consideration the serious stakeholders with financial means to get together and possibly fix the problem. None of those folks, including us, were notified before they fired those people. Nobody."

What further aggravated the situation and precipitated the Beef Club's decision to withhold future contributions, Titus said, was Chancellor Nancy Belck's statement that UNO would not be looking into a Division I reclassification.

"It's concerning to see that statement," said Titus. "So we turned around and said, 'no, we're going to suspend our support until we start getting some reasonable explanations as to why [they] have such an adamant view on this.'"

On June 30, Belck announced that the school would begin a "summer project" of studying its classification status and the future of its conference affiliation.

Things seemed to die down for about a week until University of Nebraska Regent Chuck Hassebrook wrote a letter to the *Omaha World-Herald's* Public Pulse calling for UNO to eliminate its football team. Hassebrook said the athletic department's financial problems combined with the football program's declining revenue made it necessary to rethink the school's priorities.

"Those comments made us look for financial information before it had been disclosed to us," said Titus.

Titus did his own research on football at Nebraska universities and Division II universities surrounding Nebraska and found that UNO was fourth to last of 27 schools in terms of revenue, despite being in the top three in enrollment.

"It just didn't add up," said Titus. "So it was pretty obvious they weren't reporting this accurately, maybe they weren't accounting accurately."

Belck quickly dismissed the idea that the football team was in jeopardy, citing its importance to the campus and the community, but the scrutiny of the athletic department's finances intensified. Belck was forced to go on the defensive when it was revealed in the third week of July that Vice Chancellor for Administration Jim Buck had a country club membership and car lease paid for with athletic department funds.

"It's not that they don't have the institutional control or the right to do it," Titus said of the use of supporter funds for compensation perks. "It's that that's not what booster clubs are intended to do. The booster clubs are established to raise money to pay for the additional things that the team can't afford through the operational budget."

After further revelations surfaced that funds were also used for

a satellite radio subscription and some of his wife's travel expenses, Buck retired on July 13.

Despite all the attention focused on the negative aspects of UNO's athletic program, Titus believes most of them can be classified as growing pains.

"I think that that's what we're looking at here. We had rapid growth over a short period of time," he said. "We added Division I hockey, we had a \$2 million budget that went to \$7 million overnight and we had the structure of an athletic department that was geared towards a \$2 million budget trying to handle it."

In the wake of UNO's athletic department woes, the University of Nebraska central administration began an audit of the program's financial records and former U.S. Senator David Karnes has been named to head a committee looking into the future of Maverick sports.

"We just want people to be held accountable for what they did and to fix it and go forward, that's really the bottom line here," said Titus. "Because UNO is a pretty neat place and the athletic department is a really unique place itself and it should be taken care of in a way that has some passion behind it and certainly some integrity."

"We can only hope for good answers and some truth and once that happens we'll really be poised and ready to take a big leap forward."

Calls to Karnes' office and cellular phone were not returned. Attempts to contact Herbster were unsuccessful.



Ben Titus



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## Get involved, not consumed

### How Typical



Michael McManus

As the fall semester begins, there is one thing every professor and returning student will tell you: get involved. Yes, I'm sure you've already heard it. Join this club. No, volunteer for this organization. Well, while you're at it, why don't you just sign up for this group, too? Everyone wants you to get involved, but what happens when your load gets too heavy? Often times these groups and organizations can suck the life out of you and more often than not, bring you into a lifestyle you may want to avoid.

Of course I'm not telling you to avoid all groups and organizations, but I am telling you to be cautious. Let's look at a very good-looking and close friend of mine as an example.

When this friend started his junior year of college he decided that it was time to get involved with an organization. He chose to write for an anonymous UNO newspaper. Upon writing for the paper, he was asked to write a column discussing his sexuality. Through the column he was asked to help start a gay and lesbian organization on campus and was later offered an internship at a gay magazine.

Sounds more successful than harmful right? Well, let me confess, this good-looking friend I speak of is, in fact, me. Now look back at all the things I was involved with,

they are all similar. Everything relates to issues affecting the gay population. No harm in that, but is there more to me than my sexuality? Of course there is.

Unfortunately, I became so consumed with activities that surrounded around my sexuality, that I felt that being gay was the biggest factor in my life, which is not true.

The same can go for someone who joins groups like a sorority or fraternity. It starts out with fun dinners and gatherings. Later parties, formals, recruitment and mandatory activities pop up. Before you know it, your organization is coming before your friends, family and even your school. Remember the movie *Legally Blonde*? Elle Woods referred to her sorority as if it was the most important part of who she was. This may seem to be exaggerated, but visit a sorority and you'll understand that it's not at all. Looking in from the outside we can't help but say, "get a life." But when you are the one actually living the life, it's hard to realize.

I guess we shouldn't be surprised. Becoming consumed or even in some cases addicted to things in our lives can be seen in everyone. We have all heard the term "workaholic" before. Perhaps you have been called a workaholic yourself. You may see the benefits directly at work, but what happens when you leave? It's apparent that becoming over-involved in work can lead to depression, distance and relationship problems. Well, ever hear of a "club-and-organization-aholic?" Well, I have. I was one. I was feeling depressed, distanced from my friends and family and my romantic life was, and unfortunately still is, non-existent.

So should you get involved? Yes. But draw the line.

Don't be afraid to say enough is enough. Remember who you are, where you came from and what you want to become, and let that lead you through college. Sure clubs look good on a resume, but create a resume you are proud of, not one you regret.

## I'm every woman. You can be, too.

there may be occasional frustrations, there are always solutions and I tend to come up with them rather quickly. I have a great support network. I couldn't have dreamed up a better, more diverse group of people to work with me. I have a few truly great advisers, especially my mentor (whether he wants to be or not) from the *Omaha World Herald*.

My arrogance has been earned, though. I earned it by counting pennies from the ashtray at the gas pump to get enough in my tank to make it to class. I earned it by ignoring my spatial and personal hygiene for 36 hours straight because there was simply no time to shower or clean the living room between writing papers and writing stories.

I earned it by crying in the dark wondering if any of this is worth it and suffering in the daylight through an internship that was a bad fit for everyone involved. I earned it by feeding my kid cereal for three meals on several days since I simply couldn't muster the energy to hover over a stove because I had been awake for two days.

And I know I'm not the only one.

This campus oozes with amazing single parents who are starting over or just getting started. Unfortunately, these non-traditional students are the ones that get sidetracked fastest and doubt themselves first. These are the students who feel completely isolated from the rest of the campus community when they are the heart of this community.

## Would a fascist still smell sweet?

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose, by any other word would smell as sweet."

Many of us remember that classic Shakespearean line, as Juliet regrets the family feud between her and her beloved Romeo. He then rejects his name: "Call me love, and I'll be new baptized. Henceforth I never will be Romeo."

Pause. Rewind.

Romeo actually disowns his family in this scene. I guess Shakespeare was lacking in some of his family values.

How many of us would really disown our families? I wouldn't.

Ask yourself where else, besides in the heart (or other key organs) of a young lover, can such passion override our basic reasoning and values?

I would contest this same strange phenomena occurs in the war-hungry minds of some politicians. It's reflected in war-time rhetoric.

Consider, for example, the phrase "Islamic fascists," which has gained popularity since Aug. 10, when George Bush reminded America that "this nation is at war with Islamic fascists."

Beyond the immediate absurdities, such as a war takes place only if Congress declares one and wars cannot be conducted against abstract entities, how exactly are Islamic extremists fascist?

Fascism has its origins in the totalitarian regime of Benito Mussolini, who led Italy during World War II.

"Fascism conceives of the State as an absolute, in comparison with which all individuals or groups are relative, only to be conceived of in their relation to the State," Mussolini wrote in his famous entry

in the *Italian Encyclopedia*.

Islamic extremism certainly does not conform to this definition. Most religious radicals view their religion as absolute and would subject the state to their religious teachings, not vice versa.

So if "Islamic fascists" is an oxymoron, what rhetorical purpose could it serve?

One idea is that the term is designed to imply that the United States is not fighting in a global war on terrorism, but rather is conducting a crusade against Islam.

Another idea is that the term fuels anti-Islamic feelings and stems from religious hatred and misconceptions.

A cynic might even speculate that because American policy more closely resembles fascism than, for instance, Iranian policy does, the term is an attempt to change the meaning of fascism.

None of these ideas really explain the term, though. For the truth we have to return to Romeo and his star-cross'd dilemma.

At the conclusion of *Romeo and Juliet*, both lovers end up taking their own lives. This happens as a consequence of allowing passionate reactions to replace reasoning.

This same sort of reaction-based thinking is why terms like "Islamic fascist" are accepted by many Americans. These terms are used to stimulate passionate responses.

It doesn't matter what the words themselves mean. It's just another way to short-circuit thought and hide reality.

I think everyone could use some advice from Prince Escalus, who upon finding the bodies of Romeo and Juliet said, "Seal up the mouth of outrage for a while, till we can clear these ambiguities."

### Sinister Slant



Scott Stewart

### Bitter with Age



Angi Sada

When I was in fifth grade my Girl Scout leader bought me a shirt that said, "I love my attitude problem." I never saw it as a problem and I still don't.

I'm argumentative and confrontational. I have a great deal of disdain for authority. I drip with bravado and shout with the kind of braggadocio that bullfighters envy. However, in secret and behind closed doors, I occasionally doubt myself.

A very wise and learned professor once quoted John F. Kennedy in class. "Victory has a thousand fathers. Defeat is an orphan." That's the phrase running through my mind every time I walk into this office. It wraps itself around me like a wet wool blanket in August.

But, you know what?

I refuse to worry too much. I know I'm good at what I do. I know I have an amazing grasp on the task at hand. While

To them I say grow confidence through the knowledge you have gained as a parent. Cultivate it like you would a garden. Nurture it the way you would your baby. Be assured, you are not alone on this campus.

But, take charge of your life. Teach your children the autonomy that serve them well in the future and aid you in acquiring the skills to serve them well now.

Let go of your anger for "baby's mama" and harness it to create the energy you will need to succeed. Dismiss thoughts of guilt for making "baby's daddy" leave. That's not the path you're on now so just push forward rather than look back.

Become full of yourself, too. You do amazing things everyday before you even get to this campus. You pack lunches and kiss boo-boos. You wipe booties and get kids to the bus while many of the people sitting next to you in English comp are still sleeping off the night before.

Your life experiences have the potential to make you a better student. Grab that potential by the tail and wave it above your head like a flag. This is your chance to make sure people know how amazing you really are.

Someday your kids will watch you glide across the stage and take your degree from a stranger who has to acknowledge the amazing things

you've done. At that moment, your kids will understand why they had to eat crappy school lunch on chicken a la king day. They will know it was worth carpooling with the nose picker to soccer practice. They will know their single parent rocks.

Don't you think it's time for you to start acting like you know it, too?

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# More than 480 graduate during summer commencement ceremony

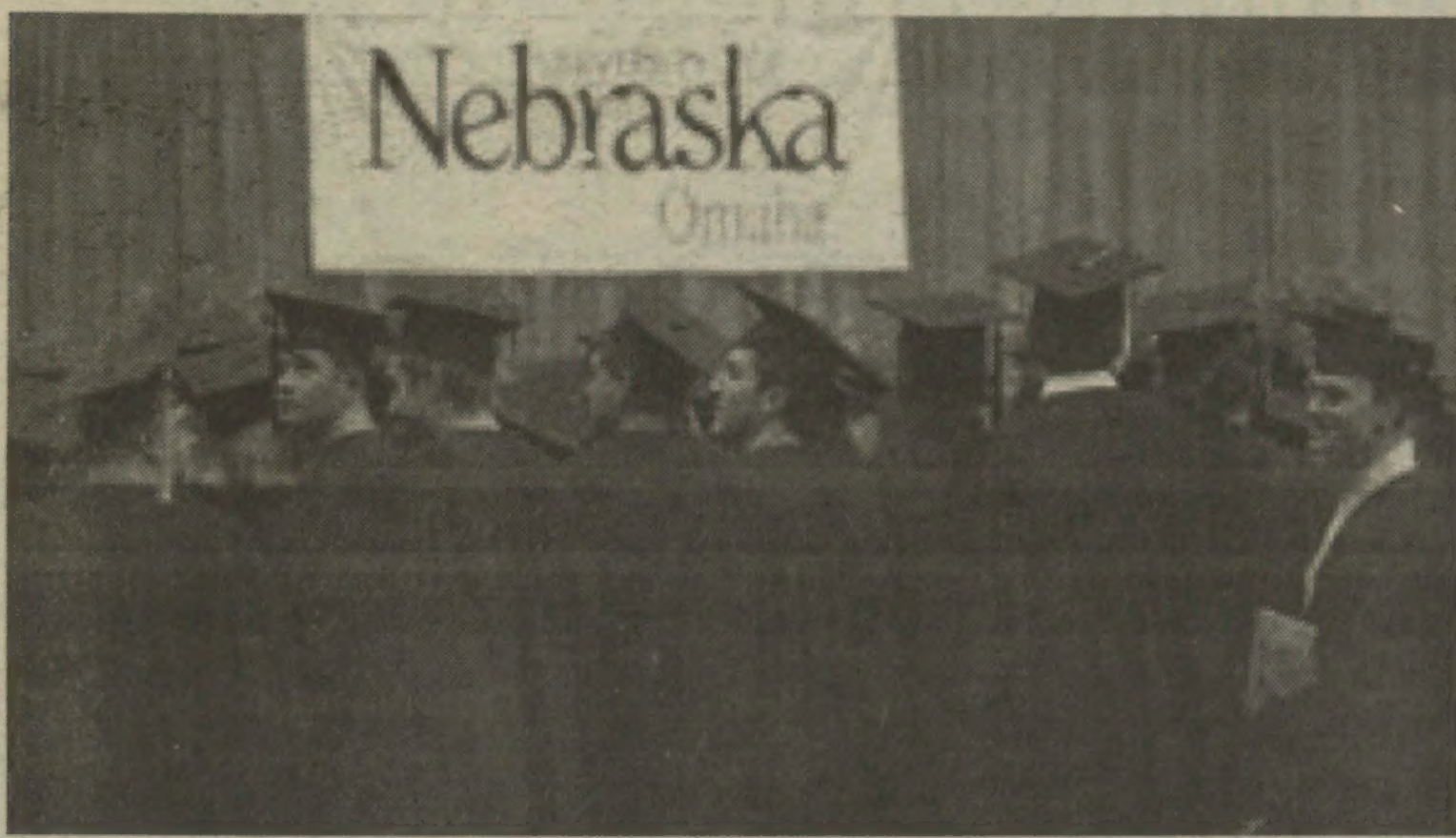


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Students graduate after summer session at UNO.

ELIZABETH ZIELINSKI  
STAFF WRITER

More than 480 students graduated Aug. 11 during the summer commencement ceremony held at the Omaha Civic Auditorium.

UNO Chancellor Nancy Belck opened the ceremony by congratulating the graduates and by recognizing the contributions of the graduates' friends and families to their achievements.

Belck said the graduates represented

18 states and 19 nations.

"I am proud of the role UNO played in making today's achievements a reality, not only for our graduates who are native Nebraskans, but also for those who came to UNO from across the country and around the world," she said.

The Order of the Tower, UNO's highest non-academic award, was presented to Mike McLarney, president and CEO of United Way of the Midlands. He led UNO researchers and faculty members in creating a report that is helping to address social and human services programming for Hispanic youth.

Darcy Aspen Wild, who received a Bachelor of Arts in communication, presented the student commencement address. In her speech, Aspen Wild praised UNO for its diversity.

"I would bet that at lunch time, there was no place in Omaha with a better mix of people from around the world than at the UNO food court.... It was truly amazing to witness so many people all together, all connecting with each other," she said.

Sheri Rogers, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at UNO, received the Chancellor's Medal.

Rogers directs campus accreditation, facilitates the Academic Quality Improvement Program task force leaders and oversees the myMAPP faculty portfolios initiative.

In addition, she coordinates PK-16 initiatives, including the Dual Enrollment Program and the Omaha Public Schools/ UNO Early Entry Pilot.

University President James B. Milliken praised the graduating class for their contributions to the university environment.

"You bring a university to life," he said. "Your energy, your enthusiasm and your curiosity make a university campus unlike any other environment."

Milliken gave the graduates advice from the words of early American transcendentalist writer Ralph Waldo Emerson.

"Do not go where the path may lead," he said. "Go instead where there is not path, and leave a trail."

Aspen Wild also quoted Emerson in her address, saying, "Peace cannot be achieved through violence, it can only be attained through understanding."

Mike Denney was awarded the UNO Alumni Association Citation for Alumnus Achievement. Denney has served as UNO's head wrestling coach since 1979 and recently led the Mavericks to three consecutive NCAA Division II national championships. The 2005-06 team also received the school's third National Dual Meet title.

Under Denney's leadership, the Mavericks have garnered 26 top-10 finishes, more than any other Division II school. The 2004-05 Mavericks were Academic National Champions, the first time a team has won both the academic and team championships in the same year.

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the UNO campus, calling the Peter Kiewit Institute a "jewel of the system."

"The dorm projects have been a great addition," he said. "I've been really impressed with what's going on at UNO."

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# Key to first year success for freshman is finding college niche

CHERYL TRUMAN  
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Betty Drew has had kids in her house for 35 years. But soon, Drew, 53, will have an empty nest. Her youngest child, Charlene Drew, who recently graduated from Harlan's Cawood High School, will move to start life as a freshman at Eastern Kentucky University.

After five kids, Drew is worried about the empty house.

Charlene is excited to be starting college; she'll be rooming with her hometown best friend - and, she says, there will be about half a dozen other buddies on campus.

That's one of the reasons she chose Eastern, she says: She knew she would have a community of familiar faces on site.

It's that annual rite of late summer: Thousands of parents realize their homes are going to be emptier as their kids troop off to the mixed pleasures of college and dormitory life.

Meanwhile, thousands of teens realize that Mom and Dad are no longer just around the corner.

(That's true in most cases, but not all: Some parents who want to give their offspring the benefits of on-campus life will put them into dormitories even if the school is in the same city. However, we do still expect them to do their own laundry.)

But most students are going to feel at least a twinge of homesickness at some point.

"We certainly hear that from students: 'Oh, my gosh. I really miss being at home,'" said Mary Bolin-Reece, director of the University of Kentucky counseling and testing center.

For some students, homesickness hits early - triggered by, say, missing the family dog, a birthday or a valued event like the high school homecoming football game - and vanishes quickly.

Says Bolin-Reece: "For others, they'll have a very different experience. They'll start out gangbusters. Then it's not until later in the semester that they'll have that experience."

Some students, for example, can't make their first home visit until Thanksgiving.

Not that three months on a college campus is a bad thing: While the time estimated to acclimate to college life varies, most agree that students should plan to be on campus without a home visit for at least the first month.

(Others say six to eight weeks to grow fully acclimated to college life without resorting to the comforts of

home cooking, unlimited cable TV, sibling spats and having your laundry delivered and folded by a parental unit.)

Different students might take various amounts of time to figure out their way around, master schedules, start organizing a study routine, and learn that there are lots of other people and activities available for campus interaction.

For parents, the key is to be sympathetic but not smothering, or as Bolin-Reece puts it, "for parents to allow students to know that the support is there, but to challenge the student to be independent."

There's a safety net available, but college students need to make and take responsibility for their own decisions. However, parents can ask students what they would do differently in the future whenever a particularly rotten decision like a bad grade, disciplinary misstep or overspending, hits home.

This is a good news/bad news scenario for both sides.

Parents don't lose their kids, but they have to learn to pick their

opportunities.

Students don't lose a home; they just learn it's no longer their primary residence.

"My mom's kind of taking it hard. ... They're freaked out, but they know I have to go to college," Charlene Drew said.

Marilyn Woodfore of Lexington, Ky., whose middle child, Catherine Moonan, will attend Centre College in Danville this fall, says she's not worried for two reasons: Centre is not especially far away, and this is not the first time she's seen a child leave home.

"We're pretty calm," says Woodfore.

Catherine says she expects there to be some difficulty adjusting to college, but she also expects to get over it. And while she likes being at home, she knows she's a short-timer there.

"It's an interesting state [of being]," she said. "You're there, and you love it there, but you're getting ready to leave."



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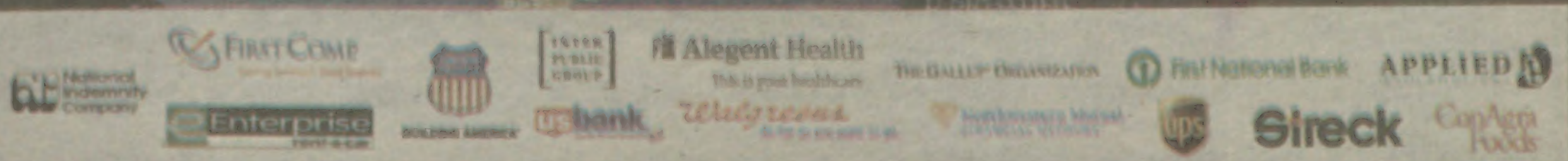
An incoming freshman carries supplies to her new dorm room on Aug. 18.

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remove the switches because the program won't pay enough for each mercury switch they pull out.

Some salvagers will remove the switches to help the environment, said Carole Cifrino of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, but many won't because there's no money in it.

"This will just be too much extra work for no benefit to them," she said. "A financial incentive to remove and collect switches increases participation."

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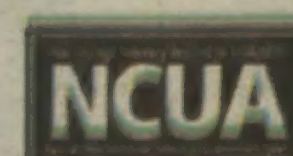
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